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Japanese and Middle East diplomats upset by mystery absence of Russian leader

Missing Yeltsin shuns world stage

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday cancelled all public en-gagements and disappeared from Moscow, just as Russia was about to take the world stage as host of the Middle East peace conference.

Foreign ministers from America, Japan and 15 other countries arrived yesterday for Moscow's first big international occasion since the demise of the Soviet Union, but Mr Yeltsin will not be there to preside over the official opening loday.

He will instead make his debut he is giving the Russian leader a as a world statesman on Friday when he addresses a special meet-

ing of the United Nations Security Council. Officials insisted that the Russian leader was in perfectly good health and that he would go ahead with a visit to London to see John Major on Thursday. He would also go to Canada on his way home from New York.

Mr Yeltsin's extraordinary absence from the Middle East conference suggests either that he has been ordered to rest after the tensions of last week's budget debate or that his advisers believed it vital for him to spend more time prepar-ing for the security council meet ing. Yuli Vorontsov, the Russian. ambassador to the UN, has been appointed a foreign affairs adviser to Mr Yeltsin and it is possible that crash course on UN culture and international diplomacy in an at-

tempt to avoid the gaffes that have dogged him abroad.

However, coming on top of the cancellation of a planned meeting with the chairman of the International Olympic Committee 10 days ago, Mr Yeltsin's disappearance on the eve of what he had acknowledged to be an important diplomatic occasion can only add to the impression of unreliability that persists in some minds. One of the victims of yesterday's cancelled meetings was Michio Watanabe, the Japanese foreign minister, and his spokesman last night made clear his displeasure, albeit in dip-lomanc language.

Mr Watanabe had "regretted"

that the meeting could not go ahead and declined an invitation to see Mr Yeltsin tomorrow because he had to return home. The spokes-

expressed the wish that Mr Yeltsin should visit Japan even before the Group of Seven summit in July. Otherwise, people might gain the impression that Mr Yeltsin intends to give less attention to Asia and the Far East." Mr Yeltsin can ill afford to offend Japan, which continues to link the future of the disputed Kurile islands to large-scale aid and investment in Russia.

Mr Yeltsin was also due to meet James Baker, the American Secretary of State, to discuss nuclear arms cuts, but it was not clear last night whether the informal talks would go ahead during Mr Baker's stay in Moscow for the Middle East

Some of Mr Yeltsin's diplomatic difficulties stem from his lamentable public relations operation; others may be caused by in-fighting in merged Soviet and Russian departments including the foreign ministry. Last week, parts of an internal document leaked to Nezavisimaya Gazeta put some of Mr Yeltsin's problems down to sabotage within the administration as old institutions, including the Communist party and the KGB, mounted their

last stand against the new order.

Mr Yeltsin himself told Juan
Amonio Samaranch, the Olympic chairman, at the weekend that their earlier scheduled meeting had been postponed because of a misunderstanding and that those responsible had been dismissed. When the original meeting was put off, it was widely reported that Mr Yeltsin had suffered a recurrence of his heart problems.

Yesterday, his spokesman, Pavel

vent a resurgence of such speculation, saying the president was "absolutely healthy and in excellent shape". He offered no explanation of Mr Yeltsin's disappearance, pos-

sibly to his home city of Yekaterin-

burg, other than to say that

"circumstances arose which re-

quired his departure from

The Japanese foreign minister was reportedly told by his Russian counterpart that their meeting had been cancelled "due to domestic issues, including economic problems, preparations for the UN Security Council meeting and prepar-

ations for other contingencies".

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Maxwell:

years of

bogus

deals

BY NEIL BENNETT

ROBERT Maxwell used a

series of bogus property

profits of Maxwell Communi-

cation Corporation, his main

public company, by £170 mil-

lion over several years, ac-

cording to accountants inves-

tigating the company.

Price Waterhouse, the ad-

ministrator of MCC, has found that Maxwell used a

series of secretive trusts, as

well as companies in Liech-

tenstein and the British Virgin Islands, to buy property from the group. The profits on the deals were booked, but

the overseas companies never

paid for the properties.
The methods mirror trans-

actions used by Maxwell

more than 20 years ago to

boost the profits of Pergamon

Press, the publisher of scien-

tific journals. He is thought to

have sold off its stock of books

at the end of each year to one

of his private companies and

included the profits in the

year-end figures. The practice was condemned in a 1971

report by Board of Trade inspectors which said that

Maxwell "could not be relied

on to exercise proper steward-

ship of a publicly quoted

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Design, the arts, entertainment, the law and property all get expanded coverage in today's Life & Times

section. The TV and radio guide is on the back of the

Life & Times also features Law Times, carrying an interview with Barbara Mills, head of the Serious Fraud Office, the Law Report and Times personal column.

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TOPPING OUT



Eyesore? No, sir. a slice of Manhattan in London. Marcus Binney salutes Canary Wharf

POPPING IN



Why is there always something there on the radio to remind us of Sandie Shaw and other '60s stars?

OPTING OUT



Why new men may be in at the birth but are often pushed out of

Tories act to end poll tax doubts

BY ROBIN OAKLEY AND DOUGLAS BROOM

THE government yesterday moved to end confusion over the use of computer evidence in courts for the non-payment of poil tax. Pressure for action built up as Hendon magistrates in north London adjourned 4,500 community charge cases using printout evidence, the latest in a series

Ministers' moves brought a claim from Bryan Gould. Labour's environment spokesman, that the government was panicking over the

BR 'much to be done

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Brirish Rail faces the same challenges whether privat-ised or not, Sir Bob Reid, chairman, said yesterday. He admitted that "much remains to be done".

"We know our customers' expectations rise faster than our performance. Even in a recession, people are looking for qualny as well as price com-petitiveness. Page 19

Actress dies



Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies, the classical acress, died yesterday at home, two days after her 101st birthday. She was made a Dame in the last Birthday Page 15 Diary, page 12

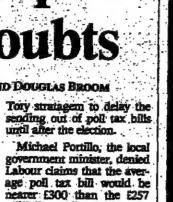
Israel warns

Israel says any change in the Palestinian team for today's Moscow talks could put the Middle East peace process in jeopardy Page 6

Deficit lower Britain's trade deficit for

1991 was £5.8 billion, lowest for five years. The 1990 deficit was E15.2 bil-Page 17

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government minister, denied Labour claims that the average poll tax bill would be nearer: £300 than the £257 officially predicted, but conceded that the average was likely to be £15 higher than at first thought. Michael Heseltine, the en-

vironment secretary, said yesterday that the local government finance bill now before the Lords would be appealed making provisions which will put beyond any doubt that authorities may present computer evidence in support of applications for liability orders in magistrates courts. These would cover the community charge, the non-do-mestic rate and, in future, the council tax.

Mr Heseltine has already given councils an entension from two years to six in pursuing poll tax defaulters. against whom there are more than ten million summonses outstanding.

Yesterday's announcement came after the Home Office. the Lord Chancellor's department and the environment department had played pass the parcel with the problem. In the end the initiative has come from Mr Heseltine. whose department already had a bill before the Commons which could be

Mr Gould said the government's action would leave the poli tax mess to be sorted out after the election. "The Local Government Finance Act will not receive royal assent until well into March. In the meantime the poll tax remains legally unenforceable. A month's delay will mean higher bills for next year." The government should have put through the changes in the Commons in a single day, with Labour's co-operation.

More than 10,000 court cases have been halted since magistrates in London and Suffolk ruled that computer records could not be used to prove non-payment.

Parliament, page 5



Tyson on trial

Mike Tyson, the former world heavyweight champion, was greeted with cheers from supporters when he went to court in Indianapo-lis yesterday to face a charge of rape brought by an entrant in last year's Miss Black America contest (above). The first day of jury selection took on racial overtones when the defence claimed that the jury would not have enough blacks (Charles Bremner writes).

Tyson, who at 25 has already created one of boxing's most spectacular careers, faces up to 63 years in prison if convicted. The racial element hangs heavy over the trial, even though he is accused of raping a black teenager.

Iron Mike's fight, page 8

Charter gets the kiss of life

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major tried yesterday to breathe new life into the citizen's charter as the government announced a new 'charter mark" to be awarded to public organisations for excellent service.

Ministers concede that the charter has not gripped pub-lic attention as they had hoped, but argue that the first six months of a ten-year plan has required setting up mechanisins to measure performance. Labour accused the government of spending pub-tic money on boosting the Tory election campaign. Yesterday Mr Major con-

government would legislate to give the public powers to challenge unlawful strikes in the public sector as well as pressing on with the privatisation of British Rail and British Coal. The Post Office monopoly would be restricted

and the public would be in-volved in monitoring bodies to examine the police and social services. A new travellers' charter is to force British Rail to pay better compensation for ex-cessive delays. A telephone helpline, the "chartline", will aid those finding themselves faced by a wall of bureaucracy and there will be an enquiry

into why it takes so long for patients to see specialists to

whom they have been re-ferred by GPs.

A new benefits charter launched yesterday to im-prove the benefit payment offices says that income support claims should be cleared in an average of four working days and 60 per cent of family credit claims should be settled in 13 working days. Custom-er services managers at each office will handle complaints within seven working days.

Leading article, page 13

Implants cleared

THE government's Chief Medical Officer, Dr Kenneth Calman, has told doctors and public health administrators that there is no reason to stop silicone breast implants in Britain, in spite of the recent decision by the American Food and Drug Administration to suspend implant operations for 45 days pending a safety review (Jeremy Laurance writes).

"I understand the concerns and anxiety felt by women over silicone gel breast im-plants," he writes. "However, there is no reason for advising a general change in this surgical practice in the UK."

Mr Angry's nice little answerphone number

By MICHAEL-HORSNELL

POLICE would like to interview Dave Parry. So would Diane Fenton, a travel agent who complained to detectives that Mr Parry had extracted 52.40 from her. But they will not find him, even though they have his telember a proper the wright only a same transfer. phone number. He exists only as a telecommunications hoaz.

Mrs Fenton is one of scores of people who have found an unsolicit-ed message on their answer-phones asking her to call him.

Return calls involve them in unin-tended expense and frustration as they listen to a prerecorded premium-rate call. The recording warns at the start what it will cost to "speak" to him. But not until five minutes later, when they get an abusive rebuil from him, do they realise that they have been drawn into an expensive hoar. Mrs Fenton agrees that there

was a warning, but because she believed it was a bona fide message she

Dave Parry, who is known in the burgeoning premium-rate trade as a "Mr Angry line", rakes in a nice little earner of up to £864 an hour for his inventor, the line provider, and Voda-fone, the network operator. But victims of the practical joke are often left furious after hanging on for five minutes at 48p a minute.

Mrs Fenton, from central London, fell victim when an anonymous practical joker obtained her Christian name and telephone number and in a heavy antipodean accent left a message on her answer-phone.

Hi, it's Dave Parry. I've just got back from Australia. Love to talk to

you again. Please phone me on 0836 What Mrs Fenton did not know was that the line is prerecorded. Her

return call drove her crazy. A soppy female from "administration" put her through from department to de-partment, trying to locate Dave Par-ry, Finally he came to the phone, and asked her twice to hang on. Then he objected to Mrs Fenton's having

come through on a "priority line", told her to call back through the switchboard, and hung up.

At 48p a minute (36p cheap rate), multiplied by a potential 30 simultaneous callers on a computerised sys-tem, the call nets Vodalone, the network operator, the service provider who rents the line, and Dave's creator who sub-leases it, a three-way solit of the maximum £864 an hour

Dave's line is rented by Mike Walton, a telecommunications whiz-kid from Cannock, Staffs, from Premium Rate Services, the service provider, of Totteridge, north London. "It's just a

joke line which gets passed around mostly by word of mouth, but we do get some complaints. It's running at between 50 and 70 calls a day on average. We are not on the wrong side of the law. We preface the message with a warning of what the call will cost."

Robert Green, of Premium Rate Services, said that as the responsible service provider, the company com-plied with the code issued by Icstis, the watchdog body which roots out premium rate call abuse. Iestis said that "Dave Parry" does not infringe the rules because of the price warning given to the caller. Last year lestis withdrew 500 of the estimated 17,000 services.

Vodafone said last night: "If there is a complaint, it should be made to lestis, and if they rule against the service then we would of course abide



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Labour reveals Heseltine's cabinet fight to win £900m EC aid



Brown: Major pursuing vendetta with miners

By Nicholas Wood POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

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THE cabinet rift over Brussels' threat to block £900 million of aid to Britain's poorest regions was highlighted yesterday by the leak of Whitehall papers contesting strongly the approach adopted by the prime minister.

They show that John Major has overridden civil service advice that maintaining the status quo is no longer a viable option".

Labour seized on two documents from Michael Heseltine's environment department to accuse John Major of misleading the public about the reasons for the government's stance and of pursuing a vendetta against jobless miners for

30,000 dairy farmers in England and Wales should be

entitled to join the co-opera-tive which would buy all the milk produced by its mem-bers. Farmers would, howev-

er, be free to operate outside

the co-operative and sell dir-

"Members of the co-opera-

tive would continue to enjoy

the security which comes from the regular [monthly] milk cheque. The price paid for the milk would be on the

principle of a pooled basis across all members of the co-

In a crucial departure from

previous proposals, the board

agreed to give up direct con-trol of Dairy Crest, a wholly-owned subsidiary with a 25

per cent share of the dairy

creameries and milk delivery

companies, said that the

Dairy Crest proposals were a

major step forward. He said.

however, that the federation would still prefer to see sever-

al smaller regional producers'

co-operatives rather than one

The future of the board has

been under discussion for two

years but pressure for change

intensified at the end of last

year when Brussels took the

government to the European

Court for allegedly allowing

the board to abuse its monop-

oly powers.

The proposals will have to

be approved by a referendum of dairy farmers. Bill

Madders, dairy committee chairman of the National

Farmers' Union, said the

union believed that dairy

farmers would welcome the

national organisation.

operative," the board said.

ect to customers.

Gordon Brown, the shadow trade secretary, appealed to Mr Major to start negotiating sensibly about the money, which is intended to help local authorities revive blighted areas through retraining programmes, reclaiming derelict

land and grants to small business-

es. "It has now become a matter of dogma, a battle between the govemment and the European Commission: one that was started by the anti-Europeans in the DTI and the Treasury, one that is being continued by the prime minister. Mr Brown said.

The dispute, which has led to a delay of several months in the release of £115 million of EC funds for mining areas and threatens a total loss of £900 million in regional aid from Brussels, stems

from a seemingly arcane argument over Treasury book-keeping. Bruce Millan, the EC commis-

sioner for regional affairs, wants Britain to allocate the cash directly to the affected areas to show that it is in addition to domestic regional grants. The government maintains that the money should be routed through the Treasury and be counted as part of the public expenditure planning totals. Although it insists that levels of grant are swollen by the Brussels contribution - and so conform to the 'additionality rule" - its accounting procedures do not readily lend

themselves to proving the point. The Treasury is also concerned that if it conceded the argument, it would lose control over a large amount of public spending. Critics

say that the present arrangements enable ministers to disguise the meagre contribution they make to regional development and to pass off EC funds as their own.

Faced with Labour protests in the Commons, John Wakeham, the energy secretary, blamed Brussels for the hold-up. Mr Brown said the documents,

a 15-page paper drawn up by environment department officials plus an annexe, demolished the prime minister's claims that the commission's objections are unfounded. "The 'restricted' document explodes one by one the prime ministerial claims that spending is 'additional' in the regions, that Britain obeys the rules. that all other countries do the same and that the commission has

no case," Mr Brown told a Westminster press conference at which he handed out the leaked material The papers underline Mr Heseltine's behind-the-scenes efforts to persuade Mr Major, the Treasury and Peter Lilley, the

demands. The main document says: "The weakness of the Treasury argu-ment is that there is no visible evidence that the expenditure is necessarily higher than it otherwise would be ... The commission realise this and are suspicious largely, we believe, because UK practice does not make transparent or capable of proof the distri-

trade secretary, to bow to Brussels'.

bution of additional resources." The new leak is the second in six weeks from the environment de- the year.

our released a confidential cabinet memorandum from Mr Heseltine warning his colleagues that the government's stance over the funds was "no longer tenable". This memorandum was sent in July and it is understood that the latest papers are Mr Heseltine's supporting evidence in his unsuc-cessful russle with his colleagues.

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Downing Street sources said the prime minister believed that the money should be given to Britain and camoned against the belief that the 1900 million would be lost. They said the problem was part of wider negotiations over EC finances that Britain intended to push ahead with when it took over the presidency in the second half of

Cheaper milk signalled by monopoly decision

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Milk Marketing Board yesterday agreed to relinquish its monopoly over the buying and selling of milk and said it was ready to discuss becoming a voluntary cooperative. The move could lead to cheaper milk.

Bob Steven, the chairman, said that the 59-year-old institution would have preferred to continue with a few modifications but accepted that in the present political and regulatory environment the scheme's existence was threatened. "The board has therefore decided to discuss with the Dairy Trade Federation and the government the form of dairy farmer's cooperative it would wish to become if the present statutory milk marketing scheme

The board proposed that all

Home sale reforms delayed

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A CENTRAL plank of the government's reforms of legal services, which was aimed at opening up the conveyancing market to banks and building societies, is at risk of being shelved until the housing market picks up.

Although the legislation is on the statute book, it seems likely that the Lord Chancellor. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, will delay the introduction of regulations to open up the conveyancing market because of lack of demand among financial institutions.

Lord Mackay has written to banks and building societies to assess the likely level of demand for the reforms "to allow him to assess whether it is worthwhile proceeding with the scheme at the must be in by the end of

Yesterday the department said that no decision had been taken not to proceed with the regulations. However, an official agreed that there was always an option not to proceed, saying: "We shall have to wait to see what the outcome of the show of

The regulation is intended to enable financial institutions to provide conveyancing services to their borrowers. probably as a service offered with mortgage, and possibly estate agency, services. A delay in implementation would be a serious blow to the institutions, though they acknowledge that taking on conveyancing in the present climate is a low priority.

Suing surveyors, L&T. page 9

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By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

more practically based than

other subjects, but that child-

ren should be introduced to

composers such as Mozart

and Stravinsky as part of an

integrated approach.
The two subjects would al-

low the study of other cul-

tures, but it would be

patronising to those from oth-

er backgrounds to assume

that they could not appreciate

Western works. "I hope we

are not going to be a country

which does not have the confi-

dence to introduce children to

Mr Clarke also acted to

ensure that pupils learnt to

draw and paint in most art

lessons. The changes will now

our own culture."

across the London-bound carriage-way of the A13 at West Thurrock in Essex yesterday after an accident in

which four people died.

A vehicle crossed the central reservation just after 7.30am and smashed into two others travelling products market. Instead, it proposed that Dairy Crest should become a separate company in which dairy farmers would own shares and receive dividends. That in the opposite direction (Bill Frost writes). A fourth car crashed into the would "increase Dairy Crest's commercial freedom and put debris. One of the victims was thrown from one car on to the bonit on an equal footing with net of another and firemen had to cut the bodies of three others from other dairy companies". Brian Smith, president of the Dairy Trade Federation, which represents 300 dairies.

the wreckage. The dead were believed to have Clarke opts for Western tradition in music

KENNETH Clarke yesterday

took on the musical establish-

ment and the multicultural

lobby with his final proposals

for the national curriculum in

The education secretary

tried to placate leading musi-

cians, who have claimed that

the national curriculum

would kill young people's in-

terest in music by placing too

However, after announcing

that pupils between five and

14 would spend two thirds of

their music lessons playing

and composing, he con-

demned the government's

much emphasis on the appre-

ciation of Western classics.

music and art.

Crash scene: wreckage strewn been travelling in a van and a BMW. The van was thought to have crossed the reservation through a 40ft gap in the safety barrier used by emergency services. Police are not dis-closing the victims' names until

next of kin have been informed. Inspector Steve Nessling said: We believe the vehicles were travelling at high speed — the A13 is a very busy road. The surface was mp but it is too early to say what caused the accident."

The Essex ambulance service said

Rattle, director of the City of

Birmingham Symphony Or-

chestra, who has led a cam-

paign for a more practical

and multi-cultural curricu-

lum. Mr Rattle has described

the proposals of the National

Curriculum Council as "terri-bly dangerous" but Mr Clarke said yesterday: "I do not believe Simon Rattle has

The education secretary

adopted the council's view,

against that of the govern-

ment's specialist advisers,

that the music curriculum

should be simplified and that

more emphasis be given to

Western classics. He accepted

that music and art should be

read a word of it."

casualties, all male. Four were certified dead at the scene by a doctor from the helicopter. The fifth was 'walking wounded', and was taken to Basildon hospital." The crash caused long traffic jams in both directions and the road was closed

for a time. On the M40 in Oxfordshire one man was killed and nine others injured in fog in a 12-vehicle pile up.
The accident closed the northbound that crews were quickly on the carriageway between junctions men died in a head-or scene. We called a helicopter in eight and nine. On the M6 near Askeaton Co Limerick

go out for a last consultation.

before the final orders go-before Parliament in March.

They will be introduced in

The Association of British

Orchestras said that the

changes proposed by Mr

Clarke went a long way to-

wards meeting the concerns of professional musicians.

But Libby MacNamara, the

director, said she was disap-

and colour" of the range of

musical styles available to

children in a multi-cultural

Simon Mundy, of the Nat-

ional Campaign for the Arts.

said Mr Clarke deserved just

society was not reflected.

pointed that the "richness

schools from September.

and an emergency medical team," a Walsall, one man died and It spokesman said. "There were five people were injured after a 30-vehicle accident in thick patchy fog. Police said that the dead man was trapped in his car which had become sandwiched between two lorries on Sunday night.

In Northern Ireland, six people died on the roads within 24 hours.

Police and motoring organisations had warned drivers that fog and ice were making conditions treacher-ons. In the trish republic three el-The accident closed the northbound derly people — a woman and two carriageway between junctions men — died in a head-on crash at

three marks out of ten. He

had rejected expert advice

and not recognised that "the

Western tradition of music

can only be strengthened by

children knowing what goes on in the rest of the world.

☐ The government's keenest

supporters among teachers

yesterday withdrew their sup-

port from the national currie-

ulum beyond the age of 14.

of Teachers said that the cur-

riculum was unsuitable for

some pupils and acted as a

strait-jacket. Problems of cur-

riculum overload and imbal-

ance were still there. "It is

time somebody said this sim-

ply will not work."

Travel agents ban

double discounts

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT:

Fluke polio claims a new victim

polio after changing the nappy of a baby who had been vaccinated against the

The man, a father aged 30 from Bournemouth who has not been named, is partly paralysed. He caught the disease after contact with his baby's soiled nappy in what doctors say is a highly im-probable form of infection.

Another man, aged 48, has been treated at Southampton General Hospital since suffering paralysis last Novem-ber in a similar incident. He is said to be satisfactory.

The latest victim was said to be stable at the Royal Hournemouth Hospital. Neiher man had been vaccinat-Dr Keir Kimmance said:

The chances of contracting policilke this are extremenly slight indeed — about three million to one. The odds of it happening twice within a few weeks, and only about 30. miles apart, are impossible to calculate.
The two cases are in no

way connected, and in fact two different strains of the disease are involved."

Rape victim gives birth

woman who was raped in Belfast at the weekend has given birth to a girl. The woman, aged 29, and her child are well, the city's Eastern Health Board said

The woman was raped in the Beechmount area of West Belfast early on Saturday.
Detentives questioning people in connection with the rape have praised the public for their help. Det Insp Tim McGregor said: "In 20 years' police experience, it is one of the worst cases I have come across. The feeling of local people is one of revulsion."

Haughey vows

Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister who is expect-

The Figure Fail partiamentary party meets on Thursday after tomorrow's budget. That meeting is con-sidered a likely opportunity for Mr Haughey to announce

Biology branch

Britain is neglecting a basic

Systematic biology - the science of naming and classifying living organisms is itself endangered, the Select Committee on Science and Technology says after an investigation prompted by cuts at the Natural History Museum. The committee wants the science backed by a research fund of LI million a

The government last night is expected to amounce a drive aimed at reducing the number of adult smokers to - 12 m

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critics. He singled out Simon proposals. MPs to meet informally as poll rejects role for Sinn Fein

Shadow of election halts Ulster talks

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

PETER Brooke, the Northern i reland secretary, conceded defeat yesterday in his efforts to revive before the election talks on the political future of the province.

After a meeting at Westminster, Mr Brooke, his security minister Brian Mawhinney and leaders of the four main parties in Northern Ireland admitted that there was no chance of substantive talks resuming before the election. However, Mr Brooke

sought to prevent a political vacuum by emphasising that low-level contacts and briefings would take place in the next few months. Those will focus on financial and administrative arrangements in Northern Ireland.

Although James Molyneaux and Ian Paisley, the Unionists' leaders, with John Hume, the SDLP leader, and John Alderdice, of the Alliance, failed to agree the basis for resumed talks before poliing day, they refrained from blaming each other for the impasse. The talks foundered mainly on the Unionist MPs' belief that no agreement should be binding in the event of a Labour government, whereas the SDLP and Alliance wanted negotiations

to remain unaffected by the

ministers and MPs after the meeting said: "They reasserted their support for a process of talks based on the statement of March 26, 1991. However, they concluded with regret that it was not possible in present circumstances to proceed to launch fresh substantive talks on the lines envisaged."

The party leaders agreed to meet to discuss "matters of common concern" in the runup to the election. "They also agreed to respond to an invitation to field party teams to take part, for information, in factual briefings." They hoped that the informal initiatives would contribute to the growth of mutual trust and confidence within the community.

Kevin McNamara, shadow Northern Ireland secretary. committed a Labour govern-ment to reconvening the talks on the same basis agreed between the main parties, Mr McNamara regretted the breakdown of talks but saw some hope in the agreement to continue informal briefings with ministers in the

THE IRISH QUESTION

O by you think that Northern Ireland should form some sort of union with the Irish republic, should Northern Ireland become a separate state or should Northern Ireland remain a part of the United Kingdom?



British voters do not support united Ireland

BY DAVID LIPSEY

THE IRA has failed to bomb the British into supporting a united Ireland, according to a Mori poll carried out for the Irish Times. Only one voter in four with an opinion on the matter supports the unification of Ireland, rather fewer than favoured it in 1980. Three quarters of those polled agree that Sinn Fein should be excluded from talks on Northern Ireland's future un-

less it first renounces violence. The popular stereotype of the green-tinged Irishman in Britain ready to rally to the republican cause is refuted by the poll. Only a third of the

Irish in Britain favour unification, compared with 22 per cent of the general public. A third believe that Sinn Fein should be allowed to join talks, but a majority shares the same view as the public generally.

Irish people in Britain are scarcely more likely to rate Northern Ireland an important question than voters generally: just 38 per cent regard it as important, compared with 34 per cent of all voters. Mori interviewed a representative sample of 1,956

and has 325 shops, threatened to take Lunn Poly to court. "This is pure intimidation," Pickfords marketing director Kevin Welch said. "We have written to Lunn Poly asking them to drop the action and put the brochures back on the shelves by Tuesday or we will pursue the matter through

civil courts."

Immediately Pickfords,

which is the third biggest

both the criminal and the

Saturday.

to holidaymakers.

Lunn Poly was last night unrepentent. "This is a normal retail practice which has not been seen in the. travel industry before," a spokesman said. "We have spent £8 million on television advertising telling adults between January 17

A DISPUTE broke out last discount through us. If some night between two of Brittour operators want to a deal ain's biggest High Street with someone else and arrange an even bigger distravel agents over the amount of discount offered count that is up to them, but we have the right to then tell Lunn Poly, Britain's bigthem that we no longer wish

gest travel agency chain, ordered all its 510 shops to to deal with them." The dispute is the latest to hit an industry affected by a remove from their shelves all brochures from seven tour bout of jitters in recent weeks. Travel agents fear operators whose holidays had been sold at double the that the election could affect sales of the 11 million holinormal discount through the rival Pickfords chain on day now on offer.

Both Lunn Poly and Pickfords offered up to £150 off holidays booked through them and saw their market share rise as a result. Then Pickfords decided that was not enough and for one day only offered double that amount after persuading seven tour operators to help them meet the cost of the promotion:

Lunn Poly then decided to call a halt and remove the brochures, Because Lunn Poly is by far the biggest travel agency chain it is ex-pected that some of the rour operators — The Club. French Life, Jessue, Meon, Novatours, Seasun Tentrek and Sunset - will have to agree to drop their arrangement with Pickfords or risk people that they can get a losing up to 30 per cent of holiday—any holiday—at a their customers. A nine-months pregnant

to be neutral

ed to resign within ten days, denied yesterday that he was attempting to influence the outcome of the race to succeed him. He made a brief statement which was his first to acknowledge his imminent departure from office in the wake of fresh allegations about a telephone tapping scandal in 1982. He said that he was taking a neural

endangered'

but unglamorous branch of biology vital to international efforts to protect endangered species, 2 House of Lords committee says in a report to be published today.

year for five years.

Smoking out

came under renewed pressure from Ash, the anti-smoking pressure group, to ban tobac co advertising. William Wal-degrave, the health secretary. about 20 per cent by the year 2000 but it is believed the government is not committed to back an EC call to ben the advertising of cigarettes in newspapers and magazines.

Sacked solicitor says partners treated her like a criminal

BY PETER VICTOR

A SOLICITOR, who said that she was publicly humili-ated after being dismissed. yesterday sued her former employers for slander damages. Mr Justice Drake was told during a High Court hearing that Argles & Court, a Kent based legal firm, be-haved like "toads" to Tamra

Robin de Wilde, her counsel, said that she was frogmarched off the premises in Maidstone by an escort of partners who accompanied her a quarter of a mile to where her company car was parked and waited while she handed over the keys.

Mrs Watson, aged 39, of St Mary's, Platt, Kent, had been with the firm for over two years and was a salaried partner when she was summarily dismissed in November 1989. Mr de Wilde said she was "publicly and brittally humiliated" in front of colleagues and her own staff.

He said Mrs Watson's dismissal followed a partnership dispute which began when

who ignored his doctor's

orders not to drive and killed

a cyclist and injured two

others while having a fit was

yesterday jailed for nine

months and banned from

Kevin Cosgrove, aged 29.

had already had one seizure

behind the wheel before he

drove into three cyclists at

70mph in a 30mph zone.

Teeside crown court was told.

Guisborough, Cleveland, his

friend Helen Laviolette, aged

41, and his son Stephen,

aged 18, were on a Sunday

fternoon cycle ride along the

lanes of Great Ayton, North

Ian Thomas was killed al-

Miss Laviolette were hurled onto the windscreen of

Cosgrove's car and over a

broken neck, fractured pelvis

and arm, ligament damage to her legs and will probably be

on crutches for the rest of her

life. She was in hospital for

three weeks and five months

later is awaiting plastic sur-

ford University student, re-ceived minor injuries but is still affected by the trauma of finding his father dying, the court was told. After the colli-

sion. Cosgrove was found "stiff and staring" in the driv-ing seat of his Ford Cortina

with his foot still pressed hard down on the accelerator,

Stephen Thomas, a Brad-

gery to her face.

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hedge. Miss Leviolette had a art said. After the crash.

Ian Thomas, aged 43, of

Trevor Carney, a senior part—the circumstances. The firm ner, resigned or, as some claims Mrs Watson denigration was effectively deed other members of the particular of the resignation was followed by the departure of the remaining 22 next. ten of the remaining 22 part-ners, together with their assistants and staff.

Mrs Watson felt she was sacked because she supported Mr Carney. Argles & Court denies slander, by words or conduct, and said its actions were justified and correct in



Watson: "I was trying desperately not to cry

Barry Stewart, for the prose-

of Guisborough, was taking.

strong drugs to control his epilepsy and was not sup-posed to drink, but the night

that he must inform the Driv-

Twelve days before the acci-

dent his GP emphasised that

he must not drive, Mr Stew-

murses from a house near by

said Cosgrove seemed un-

aware of what had happened.

Cosgrove, a bachelor, also

Epileptic driver

killed cyclist

her. Her time keeping was sions when she was out of the office when she should not

Mrs Warson wept as she told the jury of the day she was dismissed. When she was told to collect her personal belongings and leave immedately, she thought it would be a question of leaving in a dignified fashion. But people came in and out of her office to supervise her and she ended up throwing things into a dozen plastic carrier bags. "I thought they wanted me to hurry up and get out," she said. When she said that she wanted to say goodbye to a colleague, she was mid she could do that outside the of-

"I was trying desperately not to cry," she said. "I want-ed to leave with some kind of dignity. I felt utterly humiliated. I thought they were treating me as though I was some kind of criminal. I don't think I deserved it."

Helped by three colleagues, and escorted by two partners and the personnel manager, it took her ten minutes to walk to her company car. She was met at the car park by her husband Tony, who thought the whole business was "quite disgusting". He shielded her when she broke down so the partners would not see how they had upset her.

Mr de Wilde said the jury before he had drunk nine might think that the partners pints of beer, the court was who dismissed Mrs Watson told. He had been diagnosed acted out of pure vindictive-ness and spite: This case is as an epileptic in September about how we treat our fellow Two months before the achuman beings," he said. The cident, after a severe attack at way Mrs Watson was treated the packing plant where he worked, he was switched might give people the impression that she had been guilty of some dreadful misconduct. from moving machinery. Hospital doctors told him But she had never been reported to the Law Society or ers' Vehicle Licensing Centre the police for misconduct of at Swansea that he was an any kind. In fact, the firm epileptic but he failed to offered to provide her with a notify the centre or his.

reference after her dismissal. She worked long days often worked weekends and rarely had lunch unless it was for business. Even if she got round to booking a holiday she did not always take it and was owed nearly five weeks when she left. "I very muck gave it my best." she said.

Duncan Smith, for the defence, said that Cosgrove still had nightmares about the In January 1990 she formed a new practice, Car-ney Watson, with Mr Carney. crash. He was receiving counselling and would be haunted Mrs Watson said that she by the accident for the rest of had never attempted to get his life. Cosgrove pleaded guilty to causing the death by reckless driving of Mr people to leave Argles & Court with her. Mr de Wilde said that Mrs Watson was not suing because her feelings Miss Laviolette and Mr were hurt, but because a rep-Thomas were in court to hear

utation was elusive and, once lost, was difficult to recapture. Judge Peter Fox, QC, tell Cosgrove that there was no price that could be put upon the havoc that he had wreaked. The court hearing is expected to last five days. The case continues today.



Still dancing: Shirley MacLaine, the actress, in London yesterday signing copies of her book Dance While You Can. Miss MacLaine, aged 57, said the title meant "living every moment for what it is worth"

Dearer pint in other nations, OFT to be told

Brewers defend beer price rises

BY DAVID YOUNG

Model in TV car ad

banned from road

BREWERS are preparing to defend their pricing polices to the Office of Fair Trading (OFT), which has voiced concern that the price of a pint is rising faster than inflation.

The brewers will argue that the average price compares favourably with those elsewhere in Europe, that the tax and excise element has risen faster than the commercial element, and earnings faster

The big brewers have faced growing complaints from faster than inflation, and figures from Camra, the consumer group, show that beer prices have risen by up to 18 per cent in the past year.

The brewers are arming themselves with figures from the Central Statistical Office which show that since 1974 book and newspaper prices have risen from an index of 100 to 827.5, entertaining to 737.9, housing repairs to 712.4, beer to 710.5, car

maintenance to 635.9 and canteen meals to 599.9. They will also argue that earnings have risen faster

than beer prices despite increases in tax and duty at a higher rate than inflation. In 1970 it took the average Brit-ish worker 16 minutes to earn the price of a pint of bitter, 13 minutes in 1980 and 11 minutes in 1990. The figures for a pint of milk are five minutes, four and three.

However, the brewers' figures show that the over-theoutstripped inflation since the Conservatives came to power in 1979. In the previous ten years prices tracked inflation and in most years rose at a slightly lower rate.

concern within the trade department that its efforts to break the big brewers' power over setting prices and controlling the number of outlets are being thwarted. The National Licensed

There is also increasing

THE RISING PRICE OF A PINT

Victuallers Association says that the measures, brought in after recommendations by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, have resulted in brewers using the rulings to introduce leases which are

forcing up prices. The OFT has said that the brewers can meet the ruling to cut the number of tied houses they own to less than 2.000 without introducing

new leasing terms. Mortimer seeks ban on jailing children

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A CAMPAIGN to ban the imprisonment of boys and girls aged 15 will be launched today as figures show that hundreds of young people are being sentenced or remanded

Campaigners will meet Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, tomorrow to press for legislation to end a system under which, last year, 428 boys and girls were convicted and sentenced to prison and 363 boys remanded to jail. Frances Crook, director of the Howard League, said: "It is scandalous that we believe a child of 15 is too young to buy cigarettes, be tattooed or pay prescription charges, but can experience the full horror of a prison like Brixton."

John Mortimer, QC, president of the league, said that the suicides of three boys in prison in the past two years could have been avoided. One of the three had been on remand for stealing a handbag, he said. He added that Britain now had the worst record in Europe for impris-

oning children. The figures show that, of the 428 15-year-olds jailed last year, only 27 had committed violent offences, 114 had committed theft, fraud,

handling or criminal damage offences, and 156 burglary. The Criminal Justice Act has made provision to end the remanding of 15-year-old boys to prison, but the policy is expected to take four years to implement. Local authorities have been asked to find 30 to 35 extra beds in secure units to house some of those youths who would have been remanded to prison. Girls of

15 can no longer be remand-

Joyrider watched his best friend die

BY CRAIG SETON

A TEENAGE joyrider who during a high-speed car chase yesterday told a judge at Nottingham crown court that he would never drive again after his best friend died in his arms.

The court heard that Marcus Eames, aged 17, who was banned at the time, drove one of two stolen cars in a race at speeds of up to 99mph last July. Two joyriders in the other car, including his friend, Peter Meares, aged 16, died when it collided with an oncoming vehicle, killing the occupants, Andrew and Joan Auid.

The court heard that although Eames's car was not involved in the collision, he accepted that he was equally responsible. He admitted causing four deaths by reckless driving and other offences. Anthony Smith, QC, for the defence, read out a letter written by Eames while

in custody.
It said: "Since July 19 there hasn't been a day gone by when I haven't thought about the accident. All I ever see when I close my eyes is the two friends I have lost. I never had much contact with my family since the age of two Now I have gone and lost everything I ever had. I will never drive another vehicle again because I have seen what it does to lives and other people's families. My best friend Peter Meares died in my arms. I have wrote you this to say how sorry I am. I just hope you understand how I feel."

John Warren, for the prose-cution, said that Eames and four young friends took a Vauxhall Nova from Coalville. Leicestershire, and a Rover Metro from a car park in Nottingham. Earnes, unemployed, of Leicester, drove the Nova with Robert Meares and Emma Hall-Perry as passengers while Benjamin Pierce, aged 17, drove the Metro with Peter Meares, Robert's brother, beside him.

Mr Warren said Pierce's car collided head-on with a Fiat Uno driven by Andrew Auld, 30, whose wife Doro thy, 31, was a passenger. The couple, hospital pharmacists from Moseley, Birmingham, were killed. Pierce, from Normanton le Heath, Nottinghamshire, and Peter Meares, from Ibstock, Leicestershire, also died.

An earlier hearing was told that Eames pulled his friends from the Metro before it burst into flames and watched Peter Meares die, before running away.

The judge remanded Earnes in custody for three weeks for probation reports. Earnes also admitted taking two cars without permission, driving while disqualified. burglary and theft.

Sisters charged

Michelle Taylor, aged 21, and her sister Lisa Taylor, aged 18, both of Forest Hill, southeast London, were committed for trial to the Central Criminal Court yesterday charged with the murder of Alison Shaughnessy, aged 21, a bank clerk, whose husband found her stabbed at their flat in Battersea last June. Michelle Taylor was remanded in custody and her sister remained on bail.

Sentence stays

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney-general, failed in the appeal court to increase an armed robber's seven-year jail sentence on the grounds that it was too lenient. Steven Roast, aged 35, of Dagenham, Essex, was jailed at the Old Bailey last September for robbery and possessing a firearm but three judges, headed by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, refused to increase the sentence.

TSW must wait

The Court of Appeal yesterday reserved judgment until a later date after a six-day hearing of the case in which Television South West is seek ing to win back its regional broadcasting licence, lost to Westcountry Television in last year's franchise "auction". TSW wants the Independent Television Commission's decision to award the franchise to a lower bidder

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Judge tells of 'bomb' threat

BY RAY CLANCY

A JUDGE who jailed two men for contempt of court after a fight in his courtroom was subjected to a weekend of harassment and abuse, including a hoax bomb threat, a court was told yesterday. Judge Beezley jailed Edwin Morrell and his son, also

called Edwin, on Friday after they tried to attack Jason Ewing, aged 21, who had been jailed for three years for kill-ing Lisa Morrell and her boy friend, Darryl Coppin, both aged 17, when his car ran them down. He had been drinking, and smoking

The Morrells were released on bail on Saturday to appear

bridge crown court yesterday. They apologised through their barrister for their behavjour and were freed. The judge told them: "I did not spend the quietest weekend of my life. I've been subjected to abuse and harassment. That it included last night a bomb threat is one of those things

that one must put up with."

Judge Beezley said that he was not suggesting that the Morrells were involved in the harassment. He accepted that the court incident happened "in the agony of the

David Iles, for the Morrells, said that they had

. "The last straw was when the young man ... turned to

before Judge Beerley at Cam- been anxious and strained as they heard how Ewing lost control entering the village of Soham, Cambridgeshire, mounted the pavement and hit the two teenagers. They had learned Ewing had been on court bail.

> look, as he was being led away, at Edwin Morrell se-nior and smiled, I am instructed, in a smarmy way, as though saying. I. Ewing, have got away with it. "Mr Iles said. As Ewing smiled, Mr Morrell servior rushed towards him, not knowing what he intended to do. His son also rushed forward.



Hamilton flips the VW

Fate of marsh birds hangs on last-ditch offer to farmers banned and haymaking shank, black-tailed godwit

She was recorded travelling

south London, who was not in

court, pleaded guilty to the

offences last month. The case

had been adjourned for sen-

tence. She was also fined

£105 for the first offence and

in a 60mph zone.

£110 for the second.

LEVELS AND MOORS

Sites of special scientific interest

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

NEW financial incentives announced earlier this month by the agriculture ministry offer the last chance to persuade farmers to cooperate in a plan to save the

richest wetland, according to conservationists. alders: Villages of grey and
The Royal Society for the yellow limestone huddle on
Protection of Birds fears that patches of higher ground. the area's bird population could vanish or survive only in nature reserves unless farmers agree to maintain water levels and allow flood-ing of their land during win-ter and early spring. English Nature says that wetland flowers, such as creeping jen-ny and marsh marigoid, are-

The levels, created by eight rivers as they meander to-

wards the Bristol Channel between the Mendips, the Blackdown Hills and the Quantocks, consist of 170,000 acres of marshy meadowland threaded with ditches, or thines, and lines of pollarded willows and

patches of higher ground.
The peaty soil, formed by silt and rotting forest debris. provides rich pasture. For centuries, farmers grazed dairy cattle in the summer with shallow flooding in winter and spring - ideal condi-rions for wildfowl and ground-nesting wading birds and a wide variety of wetland

Modern farming has upset that balance. High-powered



2. King's Sedge Moor Langmead and Weston Level
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 Moorlingh 7. Shapwick Heath 1. Street Heath 9. Southtake Moor 10. Teetham and Techam Moors 11. Westhey Heath 12. Westhey Moor 13. West Moor 15. Wet Moor or nutrient-rich rye grass that crowd out other plants pumps now drain winter

floods in a few days. Sheep and cannot bear flooding. can be grazed in winter and The drying out of the levels has diminished their appeal cattle put out to pasture sooner. Early cutting of grass for silage has replaced sumfor over-wintering geese. mer haymaking. Flowery ducks and swans. In less water meadows have been than a decade, the number of drained and sown with crops lapwing, snipe, curlew, red-

and other ground-nesting waders breeding and feeding there in the spring has halved. The godwit, which was absent from Britain as a breeding bird from 1847 to 1952, nests in few other places in the country. There are estimated to be no more than 50 breeding pairs.

Farmers, who control the local drainage boards, are to

be offered grants of £140 an acre if they agree to stop the water in their ditches from falling more than a foot below mean field level between May 1 and November 30, to ensure winter and spring flooding.

Cattle grazing will be allowed, but the animals must not be put out before May 20 or stocked more densely than 1.8 to the acre. allowed only during July and August. Fertiliser use will be limited to ten tons of cattle manure per acre a year and herbicides will be banned. Stanley Davies, the RSPB's southwest regional officer, said: "The new grants are encouraging. They ought to be high enough to attract many farmers at a time of

falling incomes. The only difficulty is that, for the scheme to have an impact on water levels, whole groups of farmers will need to take part," The grants will be aimed initially at eight areas of es-

pecial importance for bird populations: Catcott, Edington and Chilton Moors, King's Sedgemoor, Moorlynch, North Moor, Southlake Moor, Tealham densely than 1.8 to the acre. and Tadham Moors. West Silage-making will be Sedgemoor and Wet Moor.





Ethnic homes aid leaps to £750m

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST E750 million will be invested over the next five years in housing associations set up to meet the needs of black people and ethnic minorities, the Housing Corporaracial origin. tion said yesterday.

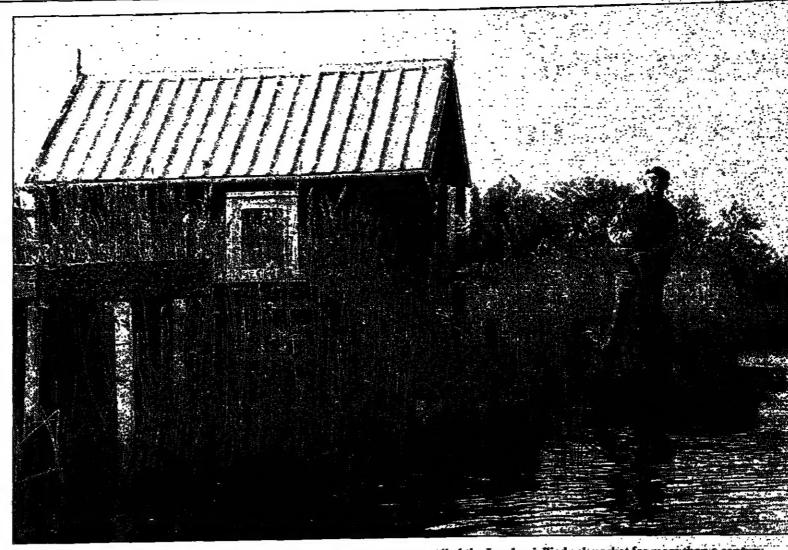
This year the figure is expected to be £97 million, 9.5 per cent of the corporation's total budget on rented programme for social housing provided by housing associa-tions of over £1 billion and almost three times last year's £37 million. The corporation will invest £139 million next year, rising to £173 million in

"This represents a very sig-nificant increase," Richard Clark, of the corporation, said. "This is a milestone for minority ethnic groups across the country."

The money will pay for 10,000 new homes. In addition, 2,400 homes will be transferred from larger, pre-dominantly white-managed housing associations. The ethnic and black housing as sociations are those managed by committees of which at least 80 per cent are of African, Asian, Caribbean or southeast Asian ethnic or

In line with the corporation's recommendations, the Sanctuary Housing Association in Hertfordshire yesterday announced that it is transferring 350 homes to black housing associations. The corporation said that housing associations should be prepared to consider transfers of 2.5 to 5 per cent.

There are only four black and ethnic minority associations which are financially independent. The corporation plans to increase this to 40 in five years and hopes that such associations will manage 16,500 homes by 1996, compared to 4,000 at present. The corporation is setting up training programmes to help associatio reach the required targets.



Banking on a buyer. John Meynell at the eel set yesterday. The set supplied the London jellied eel market for more than a century

Source of jellied eels up for sale

A RELIC of Norfolk's fishing heritage, the Candle Dyke eel set on the Thurne at Potter Heigham, has been put up for sale (Michael Hornsby writes).

The set, which supplied the London jellied eel market for more than a century, has not been used for the past two years. The owners, the Potter Heighham Trust. has invited bids for the small plot on the river bank, which includes a wooden jetty, fishing gear and a hut where eel fishermen kept all-night vigils.

John Meynell, clerk to the trust, said: "We think this is the last set left in Norfolk. We would like a new owner to keep the eel-fishing tradi tion going, but the Charity Commissioners said that could not make that a condinon of sale."

Bertie High, aged 73, who used to fish for eel at Candle Dyke in the Fifties and once caught a quarter of a ton in a night, said that August, September and October were the best months. The eels would usually start running about three days after a full moon."

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RAISING THE STANDARD OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

Cot deaths linked to critical weeks

BY THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

BABIES who may be at risk. of cot death take longer than average to go through a "dan-ger zone" in their early development, researchers have discovered.

The vulnerable stage, during which body temperatures and heart rate can be affected by external factors such as an infection, begins at four weeks. For most infants, it lasts only a further four weeks or so but, for some, it continues to about 20 weeks.

Babies in this category share many of the character-istics of infants involved in the 1,500 cot deaths a year, a researcher said yesterday. These include problems at birth, sleeping face down, having a young mother. being the second or subsequent child and coming from babies could be more vulnerable because they spend longer in a critical stage of development." Stewart Petersen, a lecturer in physiology at Leicester University medical school said. "All babies pass. through this stage, but those who remain in it longest are most likely to meet the critical combination of circumstances, probably involving

an infection." he said. In a project funded by the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, Dr Petersen studying the development of night-time body temperature rhythms in babies. In the first few weeks, temperature falls only slightly with night sleep, and there is no difference between day and night sleeps. Then a second phase begins in which over a few nights. temperature falls significant-

ly more with night sleep.

The timing of development can be affected by the way the baby is cared for, so in principle it is possible to reduce the time spent in the critical stage and, presum-ably, the risk, Dr Petersen said Breast-fed babies spent less time in this phase, he said, but there was no link between bottle-feeding and cot deaths in Britain.

general of the foundation. said: "These new results are very exciting. They mean medical scientists are well on the way to narrowing down not only which babies are at risk of death, but also when."

Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, said: "We don't believe there is a quickfix solution to cot deaths, but this is an important piece of research that adds to our understanding of the complex mechanisms at play in a baby's development." She said the suggestion that breast-fed babies developed more quickly through the vulnerable stage appeared to support the department's policy of encouraging breast

Water law is a pure dream

ABSOLUTE namual purity. hitherto the dream only of advertising men, will be aimed at in all the rivers, lakes and coastal waters of the European Community by a law which is being framed in Brussels (Michael McCar-

thy writes).

The ecological water quali-ty directive to be published in draft form in March, will envisage making all EC surface waters as pure as they would be without the influence of any human activities. It will aim at absence of toxic bstances, the best possible concentration of oxygen and a state of natural health for all wildlife.

The proposal is the most ambitious piece of EC environmental legislation and will break new ground as a law with a philosophical

Although EC officials accept that in practice it will be impossible to meet, they are convinced that the aim of perfection is the best one to set for a Community-wide water quality regime. All member states will be required to draw up action plans to work towards it, if governments accept the

Such plans, involving

pledges to use best available technology and environmen tal practice, would have a sweeping effect on a number of EC countries. Britain is aiready drawing up a programme of water quality objectives and environment department sources said the Brussels proposal did not cut across government thinking News of it emerged yesterday at the UN conference on water and the envi-

Killer of church man jailed

One of two men who killed a retired schoolmaster after he refused them money was jailed for eight years by the Central Criminal Court. London, yesterday.

Timothy Kelly, aged 21, Deptford, south London, had dmitted the manslaughter of Ronald Harrison, aged 52. who was beaten, slashed with a paper knife and strangled. Mark Dooley, aged 17, of Deptford, who also admitted manslaughter, was semences to seven years in a young offenders' institution.

dellation

The two had been alta servers at St Paul's church in Deptford, where Mr Harrison, from Plumstead, south London, had read a lesson the day before he was killed.

Poli tax rise

Western Isles council, which lost £24 million in the BCCI collapse, has been recom-mended by its budget comfrom £26 to £122.

Stamp gitt

Stamps and artwork from the private postal service on lun-dy Island, in the Bristol Channel, have been donated to the British Library by the Landmark Trust

Pollution tine A farm owned by the Bene

dictine order at Ampleforth College, near York, was fined E350 for polluting a stream Traffic stuck

An eight mile tailback was caused on the M6 at Knuts ford, Cheshire, after a lorryload of treacte spilled on to the road and froze

Kinnock attacks 'cheater's charter'

Tories boost people power

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

progress towards making

☐ Benefits charter: aims to

reduce delays in payments.

Traveller's charter to be

produced by Customs and

memorial publicised their

policies to those who needed

to know about them. Those

who said that service could

only be improved with more

money, he said, were guilty of

"old thinking". Defending his inability to name any pub-

lic servant who had been dis-

ciplined for failing to provide

a better service since the char-

ter came in, Mr.Maude said:

"Public servants don't need to

be bullied and hounded into

Mr Major described the

citizen's charter as a blue-

print to deliver higher stan-

dards in public services.

cepting second-rate perfor-

There is no excuse for ac-

giving good service."

Excise tomorrow.

Rail more

JOHN Major yesterday attempted to put new impetus behind the citizen's charter, insisting that it would remain at the heart of the government's policy-making through the 1990s.

The prime minister believes that for the 40 per cent of GDP which remains in the public sector facing no market disciplines, the citizen's charter is the only available catalyst for reform in the in-

Mr Major said the next Tory government would legislate to give citizens powers to challenge unlawful strikes in the public sector. There would be reforms to limit the Post Office monopoly, wider public involvement in inspection bodies for such organ-isations as the police and social workers and an extension of performance-related pay in the public sector.

There would also be swift progress towards a passenger's charter making British Rail more accountable, Mr Major said: "It will also improve significantly the terms of compensation they should make available to passengers who suffer worst from train delays." A new benefits charter was launched yesterday and Customs and Excise will produce a traveller's charter tomorrow. Videos will be launched explaining the tax system to small businessmen and the courts system to jurors and witnesses.

Mr Major announced a study into why patients have to wait so long when referred to consultants, and a telephone helpline, the "charterline", for those facing "a blank wall of bureaucracy".

Claiming success for the charter already, Mr Major gave as examples the £70 million of taxpayers' money

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Homes to

get energy labels

police and social workers. The main points announced by the government yester-day include: ☐ Pay: an extension of performance related pay in the public sector.

Passenger's charter: swift O Strikes: citizens will be

given powers to challenge unlawful public sector D Post office: reforms to

limit the post office ☐ Inspection bodies: wider public involvement in for such organisations as the

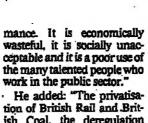
saved by lane rental for motorway repairs. Parents now had the right to see governors' reports on their schools. It now took just seven days to get a passport when previousit had taken 3 2 weeks.

He pledged that there would soon be more flexible hours in tax offices, job cen-tres and benefit offices and the Kent police would answer all 999 calls within ten seconds and attend all incidents requiring a rapid response in no more than 20 minutes, ten minutes in towns. Ministers believe this will exert "peer pressure" on other forces.

Francis Maude, the financial secretary to the Treasury. who is in charge of the charter programme, launched a new Charter Mark award for high standards of public service which will go to 50 organisations a year.

Neil Kinnock dismissed the charter as a "citizen's cheater", saying that "after 13 years of running down public services these people are in no position to award charter marks to anyone, least of all to themselves". He accused the government of using taxpayers' money for Tory party purposes in publicising the

Mr Maude said that governments had since time im-



ish Coal, the deregulation and privatisation of London buses will be priorities in the next parliament. But the main thrust of the charter is to empower the individual." ☐ The benefits charter

launched by Tony Newton, the social security secretary, says that applications for crisis loans from the social fund should be settled "by the day the need arises". Clearance time standards for all benefit claims will be displayed in social security offices Income support claims

should be cleared in an average of four working days, and 60 per cent of family credit claims should be settled in 13 working days, the charter says. A customer services manager to be appointed at each office will handle any complaints "within seven working days".

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'Militant' MP threatens new challenge

LABOUR'S efforts to shrug off the Militant tag suffered a setback last night when Dave Nellist indicated that he would stand against the party's official candidate at the general election (Peter Mulli-

Mr Nellist, the MP who was expelled because of his alleged sympathies with the

hard-left grouping, is expect-ed to announce his decision formally tomorrow. He will do so if Labour's national executive committee starts, as expected, the process of picking a new candidate to defend his majority of 6,653 at Cov-

The continued defiance of Mr Nellist, a popular constit-

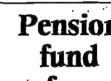
entry South East.

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uency figure, will dismay party chiefs seeking to eradicate reminders of extremism and is bound to be exploited by the Tories, who will relish a split in Labour's vote.

However, it could also work in Neil Kinnock's favour by highlighting his battle over the past six years to purge his

Guilty party? David Blunkett launching a Labour at-tack on the poll tax yesterday. Labour claimed that the government was "in a panic" over bills due before the general election. "Each voter will get a personal reminder of the most hated policy of the last 13 years — either just before polling day or just as the election date is named," Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, told a news conference.



By JILL SHERMAN

showing the energy efficiing schemes to help house buyers compare the efficiency of properties, David Heathcoat-Amory, the junior energy minis-

ter, told the Commons. The National Energy Foundation and MVM-Starpoint had agreed to incorporate into their own labels the government's new standard assessment procedure for rating energy efficiency of homes, he

Coal cost

If electricity at present generated by nuclear power in the United Kingdom was instead derived from coal, about 55 million tonnes more carbon dioxide would be emitted, increasing emissions by about 10 per cent a year. David Heathcoat-Amory. the junior energy minister, said during question

Gas deflation

The average houshold gas bill has fallen in real terms over the past four years according John Wakeham, the energy secretary. In 1987 the average annual bill was £268: now it is £327, a fall in real terms of 8 per cent, he said.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Ques-tions: Education and science; prime minister. Prison Security Bill, re-Lords (2.30): Local Government Finance Bill, committee, fourth day.

PRIVATISING the electric-

ity industry in Northern Ire-

land was the only way to

improve its efficiency, MPs

were told last night. Competi-

tion would give consumers

the sort of service they ought

to get, Richard Needham, a

junior Northern Ireland, minister, said in the

The management of the

utility was unable to recog-

nise new opportunities because of the flawed system

under which it worked, he

said. "Operating an under-

taking in public ownership

Commons.

right to silence should be restricted so that he can be compelled to give informa-tion which might help to re-

Sean Hand, head of the pensions unit for solicitors Cameron Markby Hewitt. told the social security select committee that immediate legislative changes should be made so that a refusal to disclose such information would be treated as contempt of court. Mr Hand also recommended that sponsoring employers should be prevented from controlling occupa-tional pension schemes and being trustees "to reduce the temptation for abuse and

the government. This week the committee is questions which will be sent to all the Mirror Group pen-sion fund trustees, including try to find out how more than

Pension reforms

Giving evidence as part of the committee's inquiry into pension fund ownership and management, Mr Hand suggested that legislation should be urgently introduced to prohibit transfers of beneficia-ries' accrued benefits without their consent. Where accrued benefits are transferred from a scheme when a company is sold, or as part of an assets sale, the benefits should be exclusively earmarked for the benefit of the transferring

employees, Mr Hand said. Mr Hand underlined the need for regulatory mechanisms and for a compensation scheme for pensioners which could be funded by insurance companies and/or

drawing up a series of written the two Maxwell brothers, to £400 million was siphoned off

urged

A PENSION fund trustee's cover dissipated assets, MPs were told yesterday.

should be prohibited from

from the fund.

locks the management into a

mindset which is 'steady as

the Electricity (Northern Ire-

land) Order, which provides

for four power stations run by

Northern Ireland Electricity

to be sold by tender to not less

than two companies. Transmission, distribution and

supply will be floated on the

stock exchange as a separate

entity, probably in the

Jim Marshall, for Labour.

said that privatisation was far

from popular in the province.

Mr Needham was moving

Electricity shakeup

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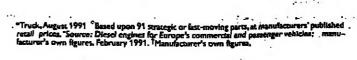
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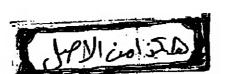




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The Middle East peace process

Confusion over Palestinian team casts shadow on talks

ISRAEL said yesterday that any change in the composition of the Palestinian delegation to today's talks in Moscow could put the whole Middle East peace process in

Asked about reports that include representatives from east Jerusalem and the Palestinian diaspora in their delegation. Moshe Raviv, the general director of the Israeli foreign ministry, said: "All should stick to the under-standing already reached. If we don't stick to it, I believe that the whole process will be

in jeopardy." Earlier Aleksandr Belonogov, deputy head of the Russian delegation, had empha-sised that the Moscow meeting was based on the same principles as those that had werned the inaugural talks in Madrid. We are assuming that the Palestinians will work together with Jordan as they did at Madrid," he said. There will be one double-headed delegation. He added that this precedent would not necessarily be followed in

future talks, when the issues, rather than the framework for talks, were being

Mubarak Moussa, a Palestine Liberation Organisation spokesman in Moscow. said



Kozyrev: Russia wants to play an active role

sending a large delegation, including people from Jerusa-lern and outside the Israelioccupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. He said that negotiations on the precise composition would be decided when the group arrived.

Before leaving Amman,

Hanan Ashrawi, the spokesman for the Palestinian delegation, said: "We were not happy with the Madrid formula. We want a complete team representing national unity and the unity of the cause and the entire Palestinian people, both outside and inside [the occupied

Doubt about the Palestinian delegation cast a measure of uncertainty over prospects for the Moscow meeting. A further element of uncertainty was added by the disappearance from Moscow of President Yeltsin. Vitali Churkin, the Russian foreign ministry spokesman, had said several times that Mr Yeltsin intended to preside over the opening and so make his debut as an international statesman.

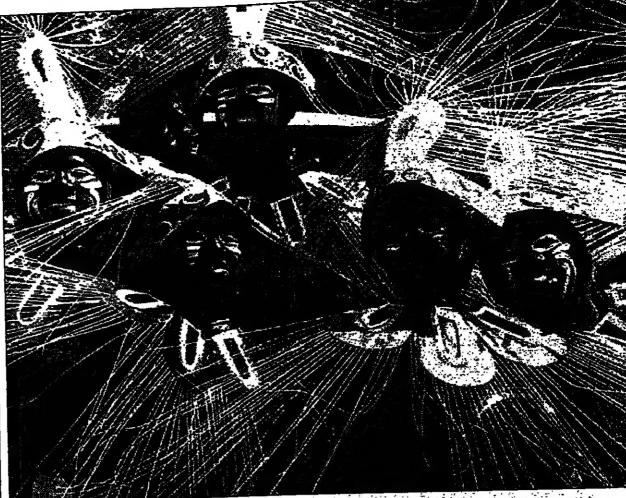
Yesterday Andrei Kozyrev. the Russian foreign minister, said that under existing ements the co-chairmen for today's opening meeting were the Russian foreign minister and his American counterpart. "The president

is not obliged to take part," he

Without Mr Yeltsin, however, the meeting inevitably becomes less of a showcase for the new Russian diplomacy and more of a working meeting. Russian officials, however, were concerned to emphasise Russia's strategic and economic interests in the Middle East now that Russia has inherited the mantle of the Soviet Union.

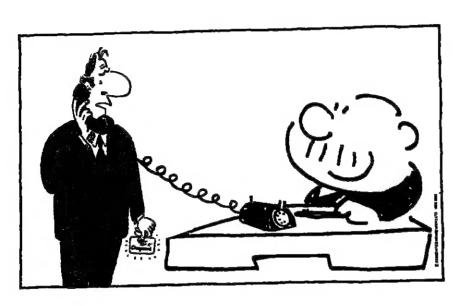
Mr Kozyrev said that Rus-sia's interests included "the prevention of flashes of confrontation" in the region, as well as a peaceful Arab-Israeli sentement. He said that Russia wanted to play an active role in bringing about peace in the region and "not play second fiddle". Vladimir Petrovsky, a for-

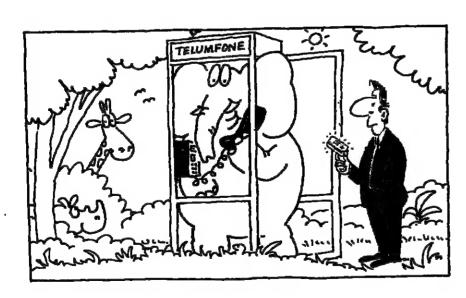
mer Soviet deputy foreign minister, who chaired the preparatory committee for the Moscow meeting, said that Russia planned to play the role of mediator in the region. He also emphasised that Russia would co-operate "very closely" with the United States as co-sponsors.

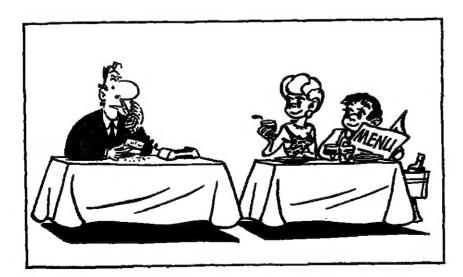


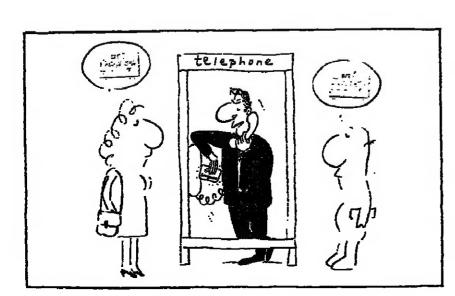
Sparks of joy: Filipino youths, their faces blackened with charcoal, join in a fiesta in Makati in Manila on Sunday. Parades and feasts take place all over the Philippines as

ilkely to be a big feature this year as the country holds a presidential election in May in which kinelda. the widow of former President Marcos, will take part. Yesterday









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Snub for hardline **Afghans**

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN ISLAMABAD

ENDING its support for Is-lamic fundamentalist Afghan groups, Pakistan yesterday announced that it would support United Nations efforts to convene an Afghan assembly to decide on an interim gov-

ernment in Kabul.
Siddid Kanju, foreign affairs minister, said that Pakistan would not allow the Afghan peace process to be held hostage by "a few rejectionists". He asked the Afghan mujahedin leaders to participate in the proposed intra-Afghan talks on the espablishment of a representa-

tive government in Kahul. Mr Kanju said that Pakistan has taken this initiative get the Afghan mujahedin groups to agree among them-selves. "Different mujahedin leaders have to take their own decisions whether they want a peaceful settlement or not," Mr Kanju said.

The announcement is a big shift in Pakistan's 13-yearlong policy of supporting a military solution to the Afghan problem.

The guerrilla groups contimue to receive weapons from Pakistan in spite of the implementation of the agreement between America and the former Soviet Union to end arms supplies to both the warring sides in January.

Pakistan's latest decision will not only result in ending the arms flow to the rebel forces, but also put the government of Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister, at logger-heads with its erstwhile allies.

De Klerk 'condoned violence'

Cape Town: Cyril Rama-phosa, secretary-general of the African National Con-

gress, yesterday acrused President de Klerk of having had full knowledge of township death squads and of doing nothing to stop them. He said a so-called third force. blamed by the ANC for many of the 4,800 deaths in township violence, was lodged within the army and police. At Ennerdale, near Johan-

nesburg, police fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse hundreds of demonstrators protesting against rents and electricity prices among other grievances. Bennie Alexan-der, general secretary of the Pan Africanist Congress, who took part in the protest, was arrested (Reuter)

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China challenge

Rame: Italy promised to help rebuild China's economy but questioned its human rights record, urging Li Peng, the visiting Chinese prime minister, to free jailed Roman Catholic bishops and lissidents. (Reuter) ...

Poor start

Baghdad: Sanctions and the after effects of the Gulf war are likely to produce a "stunted generation" of Iraqis with low IQs, according to experts who say children born since 1990 suffered two years of serious deprivations. (Reuter)

Moving on

Teknaf, Bangladesh: Thou-sands of Muslim Burmese refugees who fled to Bangla desh from persecution by the Burmese army have now left the country. (Reuter)

Saddam in a spin over belly flop

FROM REUTER IN BAGHDAD

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein has banned lavish tips to belly dancers after. an admirer apparently threw a million-dinar cheque at the feet of a nightclub performer. The tipper was fined £178,000, to be distributed to the

Complaining on national television about "frivolous behaviour and shameless spending", Saddam warn-ed rich Iraqis not to flaum their wealth.

The case of the belly dancer and her fan underlines some of the tensions felt in a society where the rich have become riches and the poor so poor that, they have to scramble even to be able to put together.a. daily meal.

The belly dancer incident began with a report in the government newspaper al-Jumhouriyah which said that Saib Ibrahim, a mallionaire, had thrown a million-dinar cheque at the feet of a belly dancer in a nightclub at the resort of Habbaniyah which is west

of Baghdad. At the official rate, a million dinars equals £1.8 million. Even at the unofficial rate, a million dinars is a great deal of money: roughly 6,700 times the average Iraqi's monthly income.

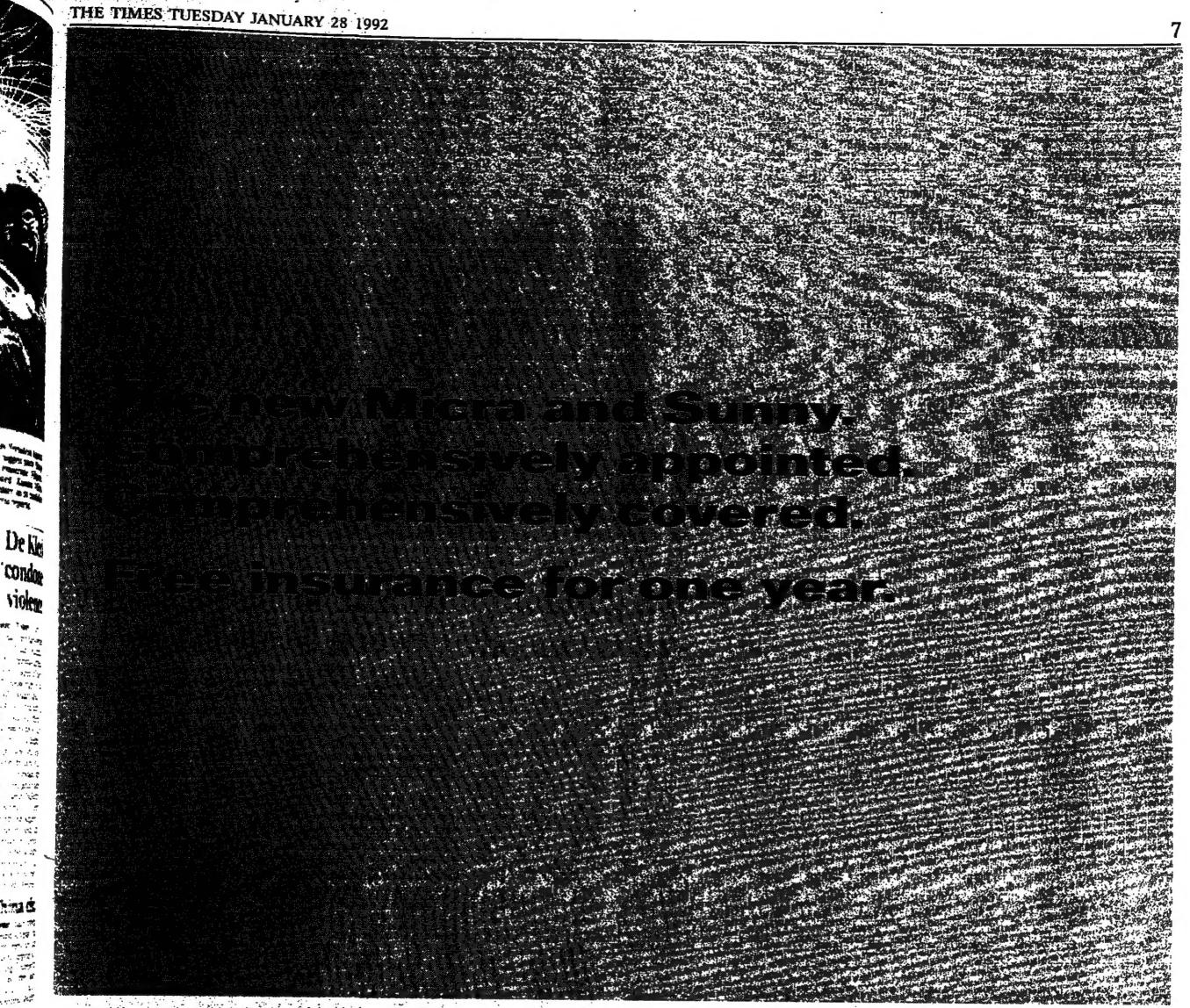
rival in office of a new Ibrahim al-Hassan, Sad dam's half-brother, who is a tough law and order man attuned to the mood of the titude of intelligence ser-vices. Mr Hassan, apparently aware of discontent over a growing gap in Iraq netween rich and poor, promptly put the million-

ts disgosting.



aire tipper in prison and referred the matter to Iraq's highest authority, the president

sion, which included the pleted its enquiry into the belly dancer incident over the weekend. The con sion found that the story



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Bush tries to bring back the Gulf war glory days

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

AMERICAN patriotism. which flourished during the Gulf war, is reviving strongly for the battle against the economic invaders. A "Buy American" movement is gaining political strength and fashionable acceptance. Company chairmen are popping \$1,000 (£550) incentives they offer employees to buy American cars. Emotional advertisements show queues of jobless textile workers winding around the nation's marble state houses, and state contracts with Japan are being cancelled to appease indignant voters.

As President Bush prepares for tonight's State of the Union address, it has become fashionable to contrast today's gloom with the post-Gulf war euphoria that accompanied his last address to Congress. But, behind the is the beginning of a national self-help movement which may at least make Americans

Lack of confidence is the main problem Mr Bush will be trying to address tonight in a speech which even the White House has dubbed the most important of his presidency. He will produce a



Bush: must do more than bash foreigners

"growth plan" of measures ranging from tax incentives for home buying and health protection to more money for pre-school education and control of tuberculosis.

the Cold War as an opportunity to spend more time and effort at home. But his top priority, and the one which Republicans are least certain he can fulfil, is to make Amerabout their future.
A little bit of "Buy Ameri-

can" is no bad thing, according to White House aides. It is the result of national anger stirred up by the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the president's own trip to Japan and Japanese attacks on "lazy, illiterate" Americans.

The campaign has resulted in the highly publicised cancellation of a \$122 million Japanese tramway contract for Los Angeles, and a \$40,000 Japanese excavator Rochester, New York. An Illinois petrol station is giving a two-cent a gallon discount for drivers of American cars.

If, however, too much national pride becomes national protectionsism, the White House will become worried, not only because it knows the conomic cost of trade wars is the cry of all the president's oppponents. Mr Bush cannot in a war on this ground against either the Democrats or Patrick Buchanan, his Republican challenger. His job tonight is to raise

national morale in other ways than by bashing foreigners. It is critical to his re-election prospects that he makes the

No change: The Bush administration yesterday welcomed President Yeltsin's statement that nuclear missiles in the former Soviet aimed at America but said the US's nuclear targets would not be changed



Art borrows from life: Film extras for Lethal Weapon III add a touch of drama as they flee the explosion which demolished the Soreno Hotel in St Petersburg at the weekend to make way for an urban renewal programme. The cameras caught the demolition of the hotel by dynamite for use in the film

Clinton's bold gamble matches Superbowl mood

IT WAS billed as the "State of the Marriage" address. Governor and Mrs Bill Clinton made a joint television appearance before about 40 million of their countrymen on Sunday night and asked for allegations about his extramarital affairs to be put aside in the interests of fairness, decency and the "real" debate over America's future.

"I have absolutely levelled with the people," Mr Clinton told their CBS interviewer. admitting only to unspecified riage and "causing pain". "I am not standing by my man ike lammy wynei ry Clinton snapped. "I am sitting here because I love him, I respect him and I honour what he's been

through and what we have been through together. And you know, if that's not enough for people, heck, don't vote for him."

Even for viewers who had just sat through three razzmatazz hours of the football Superbowl, this was a bizarre event. Mrs Clinton wore bluegreen, one of those colours that glows from television sets and compels pathetic wrangling with the contrast control. Mr Clinton was in grey with a dull purple tie. If you tuned her down, you tuned him out - which may yet be the political result of it all.

best arguments that he had. He recalled an earlier era when a divorced candidate would have been unable to

become president. "Are we going to take the reverse position now," he said, "that if people have problems in their marriages and there are things in their past which they don't want to discuss which are painful to them, that they can't run?" He tried to make a virtue out of his boldness in facing the cam-eras, pointing out that no other candidate for president had ever said so much about himself. He challenged the press - including his clearly uncomfortable questioner to test their own characters by foreswearing a game of "gotcha" with his future.

However, it was not a clear success. Despite the hopes of supporters, it lacked the impact of Richard Nixon's Checkers" speech of 1952, in which charges of illegal campaign contributions were countered by the admission that he had once accepted a gift, a pet dog named Checkers for his daughter.

After that occasion Dwight Eisenhower had acclaimed his vice-presidential running mate with a beaming "You're my boy". There was no "Checkers" on Sunday night. no vivid image that would divert attention away from the attraction of sex. There were no beams in the Clinton camp either, only the bare hope that their bold gamble might result in a good show-



Hillary Clinton: sitting by her man

ing in the New Hampshire primary next month.

"If we can come back in New Hampshire," comment-ed one Clinton worker, "we can put all this away. The people will have delivered their own verdict. But if we continue to fall there, we could be looking at the end of the line."

The decision to appear before the huge post-Superbowl audience was backed by Mr Clinton's top aide, James Carville, the architect of the Pennsylvania Senate victory last year which began the resurgence of Democrat hopes for the presidency. "We had to do it," he told The Washington Post. "We couldn't get our message out."

Part of that message was a repeated denial of an affair with his chief accuser, the former singer, Gennifer Flowers, whose story has been purchased and promoted by the supermarket magazine, Star. Governor Clinton called Ms Flowers a "friendly acquaintance" and Mrs Clinton answered a quick "Oh sure" when asked it she was ac quainted with her too.

Janet Daley, page 12

Iron Mike fights to win over a Midwest jury

I t was Mike Tyson, the lost boy from Brooklyn, and not the purported letherous bruiser, who sat meekly in Judge Patricia Gifford's courtroom in Indianapoli yesterday, a quizzical look on his face as the lawyers sifted through the pool of citizens who will decide his guilt or innocence on a rape

This mild Tyson, the man Light of the World church on the way to court, is the version of the boxing phenomenon that Don King his manager, wants to impress on the Midwestern ury when it is finally chosen tomorrow. Vincent Fuller, Tyson's \$5,000-a-day to defuse the story of the teenage student who claims that he leaped on her in his

The image of the gentle giant is not all public relations. Tyson, the former heavyweight champion and one of the world's most powerful punchers, may be known to the world as a nellraising predator with an evil temper, but before the power and wealth arrived to intoxicate him there was a sweet side, a shyness and naïveté which were being remembered by his old admirers this week

"Anybody that knows me knows I am no bad guy," Tyson said on the eve of the trial, ridiculing his image as a self-destructive beast. "I love women. I mean my mother was a woman. Unfortunately, any time I trust one or get involved with one, something always goes wrong . . . I am confused."

All attempts to explain the enigma of the street thug with the lisp and the boyish smile go back to his childhood, a textbook case of deprivation in the Brownsville ghetto of Brooklyn. There it was that a fatheriess Tyson learnt to

Mike Tyson tries to shed his bruiser image as he enters

the arena of a rape case, writes Charles Bremner

use his fists to fight back when he was bullied and called a fairy. The turning point came when a tough tore the wings off one of his

His mother died in 1982. His later teenage years were spent under the discipline of Cus D'Amato, the legend ary boxing manager who spotted him as a future champion and adopted him. But Mr D'Amato's death and the stunning streak of knockouts that landed him the world heavyweight title in 1986 at the age of 20 nleashed the dark side of a character unequipped to handle the colossal riches and celebrity accorded to sports and entertainment

When Cus was gone, "there was nobody to soothe the beast in him," one sparring partner said. The world got a taste of the brutal side early in 1986, when the future champion described how he tried to "drive the bone" of his opponents' noses back into their brains. The scene was set then, Tyson's biogra-phers say, for him to become a self-destroying star in the tradition of Janis Jop-

lin and Jimi Hendrix. He fell prey swiftly to the joys of unimaginable wealth and the greed and ambition of those around him, including, critics say, Don King,

who took over his career

Tyson's troubles in con-trolling himself with en were reported wideendured in his eight-month micriage to Robin Givens. wife had received the best punch he ever threw. "I like to bert women when I make

Mike's notoriously crude approach to women, behavwith six lawsuits for sexual battery and harassment. The prosecutors hope to show videotape of Tyson's approaches to other contestants at the Miss America apolis on the afternoon on which he invited his alleged victim to visit his hotel room at 2am. Two other contestants sued him.

Tyson argues back, with some justification, that women are eager to provoke him for the sake of the wealth a lawsuit can bring.

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With the courtroom ver-dict only two or three weeks away, the boxing world is musing on Tyson's place in the history of the sport. An acquittal will free him to fight for his old title with Evander Holyfield, but some see him as over the hill, despite the fact that at 25 he is five years below the age of the usual heavy-weight prime. Although faster and more powerful than Muhammad Ali, he now resembles Sonny Liston, they say, more an intimidating bear than a

White elephant threatens tribe

FROM SAM KILEY IN LODWAR, KENYA

KENYA'S grey African elephants only just manage to cling to survival, but in the northern desert region of Turkana, the mythical great white elephant flourishes. It is the most wasteful of several projects that were supposedly designed to improve or pacify

the war-like Turkana people. The white elephant is not, however, an example of misplaced goodwill on the part of foreign aid donors but a new hydro-electric dam now blocking the Turkwel Gorge in the Karasuk hills. The dam was built by Spie Batignolle, a French company, with Kenyan taxpayers' money, and is in the process of being handed over to the government. No celebrations are

expected. A Kenyan electricity worker said on a tour of the dam: This is the whitest of white elephants. A disgrace for us all to cope with and a perpetual reminder of a rotten political system."

The dam could destroy the fragile ecosystem of Turkana and the way of life for 250,000 nomadic tribespeople. Already in the forests of the Turkwel river, which

runs underground for much of the year but provides dryseason grazing, trees are beginning to die. The dam was built in spite of the objections of ecologists and with little effort made to establish its possible effect on the fragile ecology of the desert. "If the river dries up the

desert will die, and then we might as well pack up and go home." said Father James Good of the Catholic diocese of Lodwar, almost the only

Turkeria TANZANIA 100 miles

organisation keeping a re-gion the size of Wates from

Although a proud and graceful people, the Turkana to genocidal punitive cam-paigns by the British colonial authorities during and after the first world war because of their cattle-raiding activities. By 1945 about 35,000

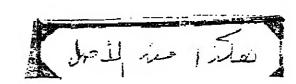
people were dispersed into the descri in what they call "the great scattering". Since then neither the British nor Kenyan authorities have had much truck with the iron-age nomads who live in a vas sandy frying pan

In an attempt to bring industry to the Turkana, Notad, the Norwegian gov entment's aid agency, built the fish-freezing factory at Kalokol, 35 miles north of Lotiwar, the regional capital.

With an estimated 50 per cent illiteracy rate, most Turkana are ignorant of recent political changes and believe what their local politicians from the ruling Kenyan Afri-can National Union tell them. This month 25 opposition supporters were beaten up in Lodwar after 2 rally "We didn't get rain last

April, and if we don't get it this year there will be wide spread famine," said Father have never been popular in





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Turkey exploits cultural links as it eyes Central Asia riches



Mutalibov: ceremonial honours in Ankara

cles as a regional power and turning its attention to the Asian republics of the former Soviet Union.

Last week Ayaz Mutalibov. the president of Azerbaijan. was received in Ankara with full honours. Those who greeted him included Hikmet Cetin, the Turkish foreign minister, who recently returned from a visit to Moscow designed to reassure the Russians that Turkey would not exploit its growing influence among the Muslim republics to reassert its own imperial ambitions in the Caucasus and beyond. Mr Mutalibov and President Ozal of Turkey signed a friendship and cooperation agreement.

Turkey reportedly intends to spend 300 billion lira

Ankara hopes to trade on its racial and religious ties with parts of the former Soviet Union for its ultimate advantage. Andrew Finkel in Istanbul writes

(about £30 million) on a cultural aid package for the Turkic republics of the Commonwealth of Independent

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Turkey already appears to have won a significant cultural skirmish by persuading the Azerbaijanis to follow its example in adopting the Roman alphabet. The Iranians and Saudis, also vying for influence, offered printing presses as an inducement to re-adopt Arabic, the common script for Turkic languages before the Cyrillic alphabet

was imposed in the 1930s. Suleyman Demirel, the Turkish prime minister, will next month visit America. Turkey is not only a Muslim country which is democratic and secular but it has also gone through some of the trauma of economic decent-

Ankara is keen to emphasise that its improved relations to the East are in addition to, not at the expense of, its relations with the West. Presidential delegations from Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan



key last month.

For many Turks, this special relationship has taken some getting used to. In the past, enthusiasm in Turkey for their ethnic Turkic cousins was largely the property of influenced by British Council-style cultural missions to its shores, Turkey plans to open its universities to Central Asian students, train Central Asian diplomats, and even set up schools abroad teaching in "istanbul" Turkish. Furthermore, with Turkey's launch next year of a French-built communica-. tions satellite, Turkic peoples from the Balkans to the Urals will be able to watch the same

television programmes. Ankara is patently hoping to translate a cultural advantage into long-term trading relations when those countries are able to mobilise their vast natural resources. But one Turkish businessman, who has tried to raise credit to export to Central Asia, said: "All this talk of cousins and

atavistic ties is fine for an evening out, but fades quickly the next morning."

Any future commercial advantage for Turkey has to be offset against short-term political risk, particularly if the Turkic populations decide that Turkey is the place to seek sanctuary front civil war and economic hardship. Ankara is also concerned that Azerbaijan may try to enlist its support in the dispute with Armenia for control of the enclave of Nagorno-Kara-bakh Indeed for some Turkish businessmen, it is an improved relationship not with Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan but with Yezevan. the Armenian capital, that holds immediate promise.

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Government forces pound rebel port in Georgia

FROM REUTER IN POTI, GEORGIA

ONE person was killed and too late. We will fight back to new fighting broke out yesterday between government forces and supporters of Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the

ousted Georgian president. Flashes lit the winter sky and machinegun and artil-lery fire shook the Black Sea port of Poti after troops of Jaba Ioseliani, commander of the ruling military council in Thilisi, attacked near a bridge outside the town. The attack was the fiercest assault for four days by Mr Ioseliani's forces, which are trying to break down the last pro-Gamsakhurdia resistance in

the west of the republic. Tengiz Baramidze, mayor of Poti, said that one person had been killed and at least two were wounded. He feared there could be many more casualties but had no precise figures. Gamsakhurdia loyalhind sandbags as government forces pounded their positions with gunfire from five armoured personnel car-

"I like peace, but now it is

Fighting flares in Armenia

Moscow: Dozens of people were killed at the weekend in fighting between Armenian and Azerbaijani militants over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, spokesman for the Armenian mission in Moscow said

The spokesman said 45 Azerbaijanis and 15 Armenians were killed when Azerballani fighters attacked the Armenian village of Karin-Tak on Sunday.

Tass said that 20 villagers and more than 60 attackers. were killed. The news agency said that at least as many people had wounded. (Reuter)

Satellite checks

Brussels: European Community farm ministers were close efforts to reform the £26 billion-a-year common agricultural policy. Talks will resume today. Surveillance based on a database supplied from satellite information has been suggested as a way of controlling over-production.

Hotel collapse

Santander, Spain: Two men died when the Hotel Bahia in this northern resort partially collapsed during renovation. a government spokesman said. Rescuers with sniffer dogs were still searching for three more workmen feared trapped. (Reuter)

New weapons

Vienna: Austria, which is neutral, plans to improve the standard of its weapons but is not arming itself against its neighbours, the defence ministry said. The army is to buy updated anti-aircraft and anti-tank missiles. (Reuter)

Closed books

Warsaw: Scripta Manent, the Polish publishing company, has been given three weeks to leave its premises in Krosno. The firm brought out an edition of Hitler's Mein Kampf which became an instant bestseller.

the last drop of our blood," David Nadmashvili, said a St Petersburg student who had taken up arms to back Mr Garnsakhurdia. Mr Gamsakhurdia, elected

by a landslide last May, fled to Armenia three weeks ago after losing a bloody power struggle with the military council. He returned later to west Georgia, but his whereabouts have been unknown for the past week. In Tbilisi, Tengiz Sigua.

the acting prime minister, told a news conference that the president had fled north to Grozny, capital of the re-bellious Chechen-Ingush republic in southern Russia. There was no immediate confirmation of that

Military council leaders brand Mr Gamsakhurdia a dictator. He has described them as bandits and insisted that he is still the legitimate

The new fighting in Poti, enclosed on two sides by government forces, came after the breakdown of peace talks between the two sides on Sunday. A Moscow television reporter at the scene quoted Mr Ioseliani, who he said had more than 400 soldiers in the area, as declaring: "There is no other way but war."

Ambulance sirens wailed as the fighting began and civilians fled in panic. About 20 loyalist gunmen crouched behind sandbags on the Poti side of the bridge, armed with Kalashnikov rifles and dressed in a mixture of flak jackets, carnouflage gear and civilian clothes.

"Go away, it is very danger ous here," shouted one of the men, carrying three sticks of dynamite in one hand and waving a hand grenade in the other. Enver Samsekishvili, one of the loyalist commanders, said: "We are very strong. Government forces will not be able to come here."

Tamara, aged 65, the mother of one of the Poti gunmen, wept as she watched from behind the lines. "Look what has happened to our country. We never saw fighting in our lives and we are afraid," she said.

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Fashion flair: a model wears a black and white taffeta dress by Jean Louis Scherrer, left, while another displays a Pierre Cardin design in the spring-summer haute couture collection in Paris yesterday

West musters aid for the East

A WESTERN delegation from the Washington summit on aid to the former Soviet Union is to fly to Minsk on Friday to brief the republics on plans to send them emergency food and medical supplies. The West will also boost energy supplies, co-ordinate technical assistance and set up shelters for soldiers returning from Eastern Europe.

The summit decided that big cities and remote parts of the former union are critically short of supplies. Severe food shortages are also affecting hospitals, old people's homes and orphanages.
Officials from America.

Britain, Germany. Portugal, Japan and several other countries of the 47 at last week's summit will travel to Minsk on a German plane to present the conclusions of the working parties set up to co-ordinate aid. The republics will be invited to a follow-up meeting

shelved because an auction

in Lisbon in late April. Britain hopes to rent space

briefed this week on Western plans to send in emergency food and medical supplies, Michael Binyon writes on the American Galaxy air-

The former Soviet republics are to be

als say the airlift is more than just symbolic and will be an essential way of getting provi-sions to inaccessible areas. The summit decided that all food distribution must reinforce market structures already in place. A third of the stocks from the European Community will be sold on the open market, but proposals for an auction have been

lift, and will send in food.

syringes, bandages and other

urgent supplies. British offici-

Most produce will be sold below the high prices now in force: butter, for example, will be sold for 56 roubles a kilo in

would play into the hands of

black marketeers.

Moscow, and 45 in St Petersburg, instead of the current price of 71 roubles. EC meat will go on sale at 55 roubles,

also below Russian prices. The committee co-ordinating medical relief will encourage hospitals in the republics to set up direct links with those in donor countries. The committee will also promote involvement by the private sector, encourage the pharmaceutical industry in the republics and ask the World Health Organisation to match what is needed with offers from around the world. The WHO will host a followup meeting in Geneva.

The shelter committee will identify the shortages of hous-ing for troops returning to

troops from the Soviet army moving back to home base in their republics. The committee will also look at contingency planning for the mass movement of refugees in the event of further civil disorder

in the republics. The energy committee will invite the republics to co-operate with the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vi-erna, and the technical assistance group will plan for a permanent liaison, using the data base of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Britain has made clear its worries: about nuclear proliferation and the emigration of Soviet nuclear scientists to countries such as Iran. British officials said they were looking at an idea put forward by Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, that the West should offer jobs to the scientists.

Istanbul's police accused of child torture in report

BY ANDREW FINKEL

SUVENUE suspects in Turtured and detained in adult prisons, says a report issued vesterday in Istanbul by the American-based human rights group, Helsinki

The report documents nine. cases and refers to many other reported instances of what the group's executive director, Jeri Laber, describes as "shocking violations of both Turkish and international

law. These include allegations that police used truncheous and applied electric stocks to genitals to extract confessions from children aged between 12 and 17.

The report will now be pre-sented to ministers in Turkey's new coalition government and to Suleyman Demirel, the prime minister, one of whose election pledges was "to make the walls of police stations as transparent

Ms Laber, who first met Mr Demirel when he was under house arrest after the 1980 military coup, said that she was pleased by the present government's serious intent to eradicate human right abuse. Haldun Ozen, head of Turkey's own Human Rights Foundation, said from Ankara that he believed in the present government's sincer-ity, which has included the creation of a human rights

"Unfortunately there is nothing either in the volume of complaints nor in the nature of their seriousness to suggest that the situation is getting better," he said.

Mr Ozen said that there have been no recent allega-tions of torture being used against children. The Helsin-ki Watch report refers to cases documented before the Turkish election, including that of Nermin Alkan, a secondary schoolgirl who was detained for placing an anti-war poster in her school corridor at the start of the Gulf war a year

ago. It is Ms Alkan's remark that there was "nothing un-usual" in the way she was blindfolded and beaten in the notorious Gayretepe headquarters of the political section of the Istanbul police, which gives the report its sub-

The report, the ninth to have appeared about Turkey. carries particular influence with the American Congress and State Department Ms Laber and the report's co-sponsor Jonathan Fanton, esident of New York City's New School, said that children were not singled out for torture in Turkey but were victims of the general absence of police accountability. Many observers believe that it is difficult for any government's to call Turkey's secare engaged in a fight with left-wing urban guerrillas and Kurdish separatists. "Nothing Unusual- The Tor-ture of Children in Turkey" is available from the Publica-Rights Watch, 485 Fifth Ave-Bue, New York, NY 10017; price \$7.00

Krajina hints at end to impasse

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MARRACK Goulding, the United Nations troubleshooter, yesterday began a determined diplomatic offensive here to try to break the political deadlock currently blocking the deployment of a full-scale UN peacekeeping force

in Croatia. Mr Goulding, UN under-secretary-general for special political affairs, arrived by helicopter in the capital of Croatia's breakaway Serb enclave of Krajina in the afternoon and immediately began talks with Milan Babic, the enclave's leader. During a break, Dr Babic said: "This is a big step forward. What I got

from Mr. Goulding is respect

for Knin Krajina.* Before leaving Belgrade Mr Goulding met Branko Costic, Yugoslavia's acting president, and Goran Had-zic, the leader of Serb enclaves in eastern and central Croatia who said that the talks had been "extremely satisfactory" Mr Hadzic's words and the up-beat mood of Dr Babic suggested that a compromise might be in the making which could break

the deadlock. Under the terms of the plan brokered by Cyrus Vance, the UN's special envoy, a peacekeeping force will be deployed if the present ceasefire holds. The ceasefire was signed by the Croatian government and military, the Yugoslav army and the government of Ser-bia But Dr Babic and other Krajina leaders object to several of the agreement's clauses and say they were in any event not party to it.

Under the UN plan, the

Yugoslab army is to withdraw from Krajina and thousands of local reservists are to be demobilised and hand in their arms. UN troops are to be "spotted" around Krajina and not deployed on the frontline as demanded by the authornies of the self-proclaimed "Serbian Republic of Krajina", who point out that. if Zagreb demanded the withdrawal of the UN troops, they would be exposed to attack. Before - yesterday's Knin talks began, Lazar Macura. Krajina's minister of information, said he was pessionistic about the chances of the deadlock being broken. He said that the government of Slobodan Milosevic, the Ser-bian president, and the lead-

PARIS NOTEBOOK by Philip Jacobson

French fall willing victims to allure of sex and seduction

For a couple apparently eking out their old age pensions, Jean and Violette certainly got by in style: a fine house in the most chic district of Bordeaux, a gleaming Mercedes in the garage, one holiday villa at nearby Arcachon, another on the Spanish coast. Neighbours would often wonder how they managed it, and now their secret is out - for some years they had been running a successful maison

close, or upmarket brothel. When the Bordeaux vice squad finally raided the premises, close by the city's beautiful Grand Theatre, they encountered the resident cast of seven prostitutes plus an elderly doorman. The ladies testified freely that Madame Violette, who is 61, ran a clean, strict house, forbidding clients to smoke and coming down hard on bad language from her perch on

a high chair in the entry hall.

denials were somewhat un-

dermined by her accounts, in which every transaction was minutely recorded down to the last minute and the last franc. She was also at a loss to explain how a Renault pensioner could have accumulated the funds discovered in half a dozen bank accounts and safe deposit boxes around the country (a prudent soul, she also invested in gold bullion and the louis d'or coins that French peasants used to hide inside the mattress).

Pierre, a retired functionary pushing 70, would say no more than that he had known what was going on. Unimpressed, the police charged him with the same offence as his wife. proxenetism: roughly, living off immoral earnings.

fect oval face of Jane Marsh,

late of Pinner, Middlesex.

peers out from billboards

advertising the hottest new

film in town, L'Amant.

Adapted from the autobio-

a rude cartoon. t every turn in the Astreets of Paris, the per-

graphical novel in which Marguerite Duras relates her seduction, aged 15 and still at school in 1920s Saigon, by a handsome Chinese businessman, it has opened to saturation media coverage of the 18-year-old working-class girl from "a drab

suburb of London". With 12 pages of Paris Match devoted to her life and times and a discreet display of flesh during the explicit seduction scene, Jane has easily overshadowed press coverage of this week's haute couture shows. Le Figaro also gave her the best part of its back page while Le Journal du Dimanche went so far as to feature little Miss Unknown and lover in

Much of the film is harmless tosh about Jane's supposedly humble background we are asked to believe that she had never before seen napkins and a crisp white tablecloth in a restaurant - but Jean-Jacques Annaud, the director, seems



Femme fatale: Jean-Jacques Annaud directing Jane March and Tony Lueng in his film The Lover, based on a steamy book by Marguerite Duras

most concerned with dropping smirking hints about what really went on during the sex scenes.

Without saying so much, he apparently wants us to believe that Jane and her any other citizens of the Eu-

leading man. Tony Leung. actually made love while the cameras were rolling.

he French are more: L pessimistic about what 1992 holds for them than

ropean Community. A new poll found that only 25 per cent look forward without misgivings. against 58 per cent in Britain, where optimism flourishes more bravely than anywhere else:

ership of the Yugoslav army were attempting to force Kra-lina to comply with the agree-ment against its will and that he doubted if local soldiers

would give up their arms."

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central committee were un-

masked yestemay as former

East German informers. Last week, Josef Duchac.

the Christian Democratic

prime minister of Thuringia.

and three members of his

cabinet resigned because of

suspicions that they had helped the Stasi. A similar cloud is

now hanging over Manfred

Stolpe, the once highly re-specied SPD prime minsiter

of Brandenberg. People in all walks of life

are being forced to resign,

suffer public humiliation or

watch their families break up

as details emerge of their con-

tacts with the secret police. Since the start of the year,

when the six million Germans with Stasi dossiers were

Models

against

the West

Peking: China's first full-

Lu Mu, the headmas-

They are going to be the

models of the people in moral standards."

The all-girl modelling

department enrolled 23

students after screening

tested for uniformity of

appearance height, weight, good skin, shape of face and feet, and size

300 applicants who were

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time · secondary · school course for fashion models is not just a gallery of pretty faces. Its founding father says that he sees it as communism's bulwark against a hostile world." ter, said his students were being trained as a vanguard against encreaching spiritual pollution from the West. They are not only going to be fashion models," he said.

Bar affront Helsinki: Finnish police

are looking into new topless bars to check whether they affront decency laws. People in the southern town of Mikkeli said they wanted action under a criminal code providing for six months imprisonment for sexual indecency offences. (Reuter)

Thai Disney

Bangkok: The American Walt Disney Company is considering building a multi-billion-dollar amusement park in Thailand, a government offi-cial said. The project would involved between \$3.2 billion (£1.77 billion) and \$4 billion and would occupy a site of approxi-reately 8,000 acres. (AFP)

Poppy chop

Diamantina, Colombia In a campaign officials admit is ineffective, hundreds of policemen with machetes have descended on mountain jungles to whack away poppy flowers and eradicate the raw material used for heroin. So far they have destroyed 1,267 acres. (AP)

Wider view Peking: (AFP) Ownership of television sets in China, a perk of the privileged few only 10 years ago, is now enjoyed by more than 185 million, a com-munications minister was quoted as saying.

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first granted access to their files, nobody is above suspicion. 'All offenders are victims at the same time," according to Joachim Gauck, head of the special commission set up to investigate former informers and agents. "Many victims are at the same time culprits

Or potential culprits." Herr Gauck, a protestant pastor from Rostock, on whom the Stasi had a very detailed dossier, has told people that it could be painful or even dangerous for them to look up their files. He is worried about the social consequences if the thousands of small informers are ostracised by the rest of society. At the same time he expects it will take his 1,000-strong staff a decade to wade through all the papers to sep-

arate the more innocent from erious informers. More than 80,000 people have so far applied to see their personal file and the number is growing daily. Many have been stunned by the number of friends or relatives who needlessly supplied details

about them. Gerd Poppe, a former leading dissident who is now-a Bundestag member, was horrified to find that his closest contacts had been prepared to hand over information to the Stasi machine without inhibition. "There can be no question of their having been forced to submit reports," he said. The reports always contained much more than they might have had to

He also claims that informers are lying when they say they were only reporting facts, which harmed nobody. He has studied most of the 50 file boxes devoted to his activities and save be is convinced that every report was meant to harm somebody.

One reason for opening the files was that this would encourage informers to come forward and own up in a way ing. This has not happened,

Japan builds water jet ship

BY NIGEL HAWKES

JAPAN yesterday launched the first ship to be powered by superconducting mag-nets. The 150-ton Yamoto I, looking like a cross be-tween a whale and a space rocket, entered the wa of the port of Kobe watched

by a small crowd.

The experimental ship, which has taken the Japanese Ship and Ocean Foundation seven years to build. and cost £22 million, uses superconducting electromagnetic propulsion. In theory, this could produce speeds close to 100 knots, though Yamoto I — named after a Japanese battleship sunk in the second world war — will achieve no more than eight knots. At speeds greater than that, the coil expands and heats up. destroying its supercon-

ducting properties.

The ship is propelled by a water jet driven by electromagnetic methods. Superconducting coils cooled to four degrees above absolute

through which sea water flows. Electrodes immersed in the water create a current running at right angles to the magnetic flux. By the rules of electromagnetism, a force is induced in the conductor - which in this case is the water — driving it backwards through the duct. The water jet drives the ship forward.

This kind of ship should

zero surround a duct

where propellers don't work so well," said Kensaku Imaichi, director of the foundation and emeritus professor of Osaka University. The ship should be si-lent and relatively pollution-free.

Magnet power: the world's first boat driven by superconductor launched by the Japanese at Kobe

The first thing is to show that it works," said Setsuo Takezawa, general manager of the electromagnetic pro-pulsion ship division of the foundation, an organisation formed by Japan's big

shipbuilders, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Hitachi

Zosen and Mitsui Engineering and Shipbuilding. The launching was postponed from last summer. Mr Takezawa emphasised that development was difficult and still at an early stage. "Our schedule is uncertain," he said. "If this kind of thing were simple, everyone would do it."

The ship uses "old generation" superconductors

made of niobium and tantalum, cooled by liquid helium. Most of the space on board is occupied by the diesel-engine generators, but it will carry ten people when sea trials begin later this year. Superconductors that operate at higher tem-peratures could be applied

to the ship's successors. Sumimoto have designed

a small container ship powered by the same

Vladivostok scents heady air of progress s like to compare it the civil port in the the east will prove just as

LOCALS like to compare it with San Francisco. True, there is no Golden Gate Bridge and no militant gay community. But Vladivostok certainly has enough hills to fit the part and a style which lifts it head and shoulders above the rest of the Russian The key to one of the richest

et least developed parts of the former Soviet Union, the once-closed port is hoping to lead Russia's Pacific rim into the 21st century.

After decades in which it was strictly off-limits to for-

eigners without a special invitation, Viadivostok has been formally open to all-comers from the start of the year. A Vietnamese freighter carrying steel to nearby South Ko-rea was the first foreign ship into harbour on January 1. City fathers hope it will be followed not just by other such vessels but also by invesPeter Conradi reports on the beautiful port which once housed the Soviet eastern fleet and is now planning to lead Russia's Pacific rim into a buoyant modern future

minerals, energy and fish. Valery Butkov, a former military lawyer recently ap-pointed President Yeltsin's envoy, tempers the city's typical optimism with caution.
"We are ready to co-operate
with anyone," he said in his
office overlooking the port.
"But it must be mutually

advantageous and must help

us to develop. We do not want foreigners just coming here and exploiting our resources.' People went east for adventure and to make their fortunes. Vladivostok, founded in 1860 as a base for the

Pacific fleet, rapidly evolved

into an important commer-



Red Army marched back in November 1922, they enforced a regime which would turn the region into a armed fortress and virtual colony to be looted at will by Moscow, some 5,000 miles and seven time zones to the west. The vostok was closed for so many years, still dominates today.

warships moored incongruously alongside freighters. More than 90 per cent of industry, too, remains controlled by Moscow. Just weeks after the official opening, there are already the first small signs of progress: an Italian company has just completed a lavish renovation of the port-side station which

lies at the end of the Trans-

Siberian railway. The South

Koreans have started work on

a giant hotel and business

centre of town is filled with

centre to attract foreign firms. The Australians are also in town. By undercutting competitors the port chief, Mikhail Robkanov, is confident of attracting large shippers to his harbour, which is soon to be privatised, and is busy learning English at evening classes to cope with the

his colleagus realise only too well that their new partners to

rapacious as their old colonial masters in Moscow. Judging by the number of visiting official delegations now in the city, the Japanese are particularly interested; the South Ko-

reans are close behind.

For all its charm. Vladivostock remains a Russian city like any other, with all the attendant problems from crumbling infrastructure to empty shops and galloping inflation. Any foreign businessman unfortunate enough to end up in one of the city's two best hotels will find a telephone capable of calling only as far as the next room and a restaurant which serves only crab and Siberian dumplings - for breakfast as well as hunch and dinner.

"Our city is beautiful but poor." said Vladimir Ivanov. a former merchant seaman, sitting patiently on the frozenover bay and fishing through thick ice. "Soon, it will be beautiful and rich, too."

Year of health goes for safe work

By PETER VICTOR

PERMANENT improvements in workplace health and safety in the UK and EC could be gained from the European Year of Health and Safety. Eric Forth, the employment minister, said yesterday

During the year to February 28, 1993, EC members will be encouraged to implement new European health and safety directives and develop a common approach to standards. The year will coincide with the UK presidency of the EC in the second half of 1992 and the completion of the single market.

The year will provide an opportunity to focus attention on health and safety issues, Mr Forth said. "No school, workplace, organisation or locality is too small to take

He said 8,000 people died every year as a result of injuries received at work and almost ten million people were affected annually by inci-dents, accidents or illnesses at

"Despite our good safety record in the UK overall there are still too many accidents and fatalities. Eight workers and two members of the public are killed every week as a result of workplace accidents." Positive management action could have prevented

70 per cent of such accidents. The year will be aimed in particular at agriculture and construction, which in the UK, France, Germany and Spain has the highest injury rates of any sector of employment. Over the past ten years in the UK, construction and agriculture were the two sectors with the highest rates of fatal injuries; two out of every five workers killed were in these sectors.

A national committee set up by the Health and Safetv Commission is co-ordinating a UK programme of activities to mark the European year. One of the main initiatives of the year will be a workplace health and safety week from November 23-27, 1992. Other events planned include a campaign to promote health and safety management in industries.

Chocoholics munch on towards a sweeter tomorrow

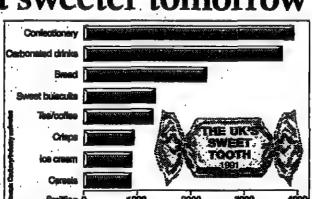
BY ALISON ROBERTS

WILLY Wonks would have been proud of the British last year: they are more than half a million tonnes of chocolate, more than ever before.

Although the Europeans turn their noses up at British chocolate and sneer at its soft texture and sweetness, we consume more chocolate. than any EC country and ate 13lb more per head last year than the Spanish, the most absternious chocolate eaters. British manufacturers

sucessfully defended their chocolate when the EC requested that it be renamed vegalate" in 1984. Cadbury. the biggest purveyor of chocolate in Britain, counters the chocolate snobs by arguing that the extra fat is as exotic as the cocoa beans and is called such names as Africa shea, Indian sal and Malay-

sian palm. The average British consumer spent 93p on roughly four chocolate bars every week last year, which also saw a boom in the number of other foods targeting the sweet-toothed. John Taylor, marketing director of Cad-bury, said: "The consumer can now buy ice-cream products, chilled desserts, liqueurs, drinks, biscuits and cakes carrying familiar brand names from the world of



keen to take advantage of the But things began to go sour region's treasure house of after the revolution. When the

chocolate." Researchers say that the market is bottomless and promise more sickly

treats for 1992. The three main manufacturers, Cadbury, Nestlé/ Rowntree and Mars, account for more than 80 per cent of the sales. Cadbury, whose factories churned out 66,000 Creme Eggs, 12,500 chocolate buttons and 1,680 Wispa bars every minute last year, claims that sales were worth more than those of bread, tea.

coffee and any other snack In many respects, 1991 was a dietitian's nightmare. Trebor Bassett reported that consumption of sweets soared and that adults are more sweets than children. Alan Palmer, of Trebor Bassett, said: "Research indicates that brand heritage does still exist

with more traditional brand

names which have in the past been overshadowed." Wilkinson's pontefract cakes, gobstoppers and liquorice allsorts hark back to a gentler past. Around 24 million jelly babies in various Enumber flavours were produced each week in 1991. The sweets began life as peace

and were reintroduced in their present form in 1953. In 1909, it took Charles Gordon Maynard a great deal of perseverance to convince the Maynard sweet company to produce his recipe for wine gums. The com-pany's Methodist founder disagreed with the promotion of what seemed to be an alcoholic sweet. Eighty-two years later, wine gums were the eleventh best-selling sweet

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Indonesians engineer award for Thatcher

The Association of Indone Nakamura, have agreed in sian Engineers plans to principle to provide financial present its 1992 honorary, aid to poor countries to help fellowship award to Margaret them protect the environ-Thatcher, its chairman said ment, officials said. Details of yesterday. Abusinal Bakrie money to be committed were said Mrs Thatcher would be not specified, the officials the first international figure to receive the annual award. to be presented in early September. Mr Bakrie said the escociation considered Mrs Thatcher as a chemical engineer who rose to success as a

Norwegian prime minister Gro Harlem Brundstand and Japanese environment agenchief. Shozaburo



said. Mrs Brundtland and Mr Nakamura also agreed to try to persuade the United States to do more to improve the global atmosphere.

Streets will be covered in dirt and traces of contemporary life will be hidden so Martin Scorcese can use Troy. New York, in his 1870s love story 'The Age of Innocence." The director picked the city near Albany as a primary location for the movie starting Daniel Day Lewis and Michelle Pfeiffer, city officials said. Location managers said they liked the architecture. Dirt will be spread on streets and

street lights, signs, shopfronts and fire hydrants will be removed or disguised.

You can't get divorced and stay Mrs America. Jill Scott. the current Mrs America, will lose the title if her divorce becomes final before her reign ends in April, a pageant official says. "Our regulations state that any contestant or titleholder must be married." said David Z. Marmel, president of the Santa Monicabased pageant.Mrs Scott, aged 32, separated from her husband, G.E. Scott of Scottsdale, Arizona, in September

Woodrow Wyatt

Welcoming back the trade union barons

he core of Mrs Thatcher's union reforms was giving union mem-bers secret ballots on strikes and on the election of union executives. Labour would not dare to make a frontal attack on this long-delayed democracy in the unions. But there are many ways of skinning a cat. Labour has furtively published its plans in obscure documents which it hopes few will examine. Labour would return to union leaders much of their lost power, make strikes easier and abolish the new right of employers to stop

illegal strikes by application to the courts. Labour has always opposed union democracy. When, in 1956, on Panora-ma and in press articles, I was a principal participant in preventing a communist takeover of the engineers' union and exposing communist ballot-rigging in the electricians' union, I innocently thought Labour would be pleased. On return to the Commons in 1959 as a Labour MP. I was shunned by the trade union group with whom I had once been friendly, and was attacked for washing Labour's dirry linen in public. The TUC General Council refused to act on the solid evidence I presented of wholesale fraudulent communist manipulation of the electricians' ballots. The court case of 1961, which eventually disqualified the communist barons of the electricians. increased my unpopularity.

The ending of the power of union leaders to act against their members' wishes emerged from the shenanigans in these two unions. In the Commons in 1983, John Smith described the new secret ballots as "irrelevant effrontery" Irrelevant? On the same day. Tony Blair. now the shadow employment secretary. called properly run union ballots "a scandalous and undemocratic measure against the trade union movement".

Labour is dependent on the unions for roughly three-quarters of its income, and for a still higher proportion of its election finances. Too many union leaders (some of whom are still questionably elected) want to recover their undemocratic control over their members and the freedom say at No 10. This last has been guaranteed to them in Labour's policy document Opportunity Britain. Bryan Gould has explained "the next Labour government will naturally wish to bring the trade union movement back into the mechanisms of decision-making on economic policy".

abour has already, but as unobtru-sively as possible, stated that the courts' power to seize union funds when they flout the law would be ended, although a law-breaking company's as-sets will remain vulnerable. Without this vital weapon, the new laws protecting the public and industry against overweening union power would become inoperable. Officially, Labour intends to make it impossible for employers to obtain court orders to prevent unlawful strikes. There would still be strike ballots, but they need not be until after a strike had started. Sympathy strikes of employees far from the site of a dispute would once more be legal, enabling union leaders to cripple the country. The limit on the number of pickets would be removed, and the notorious flying pickets would be back in business. Even previous Labour governments permitted employers to replace strikers. Now Labour is pledged to make

that illegal. The number of strikes is now at its lowest since 1935. Union leaders are currently quiescent, mainly because of the new legislation but partly so as not to embarrass Labour as the election approaches. If Labour won, such inhibitions would disappear, and with strikes made much easier, union leaders would have a field day. Foreign companies would leave Britain and multitudes of jobs would be lost.

Voters should know the whole, grisly truth about a candidate's philandering, declares Janet Daley

hat a good smirk we have about American prudery when yet another political career goes down the tubes thanks to a private peccadillo. Waiting smugly to see whether Governor Clinton is consigned to the same professional graveyard as Gary Hart despite denying the allegations, worldly Europeans murmur incredulously about how seriously these matters are taken in the New World. To the French, who find the idea of a political leader

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ble, the fuss is bewildering. In Britain, the extent to which a man's sexual behaviour is relevant to his fitness for office is a matter of the dignity with which he conducts himself. Cecil Parkinson fell into ignominy not just because he had an affair, but because a pregnant woman al-leged that he had ratted on a promise to marry her. What attracted odium was not so much the liaison, but the suspicion that he had behaved like a cad, which is, when you think about it, a fairly sound reason for disgrace. If the question that needed

without a mistress scarcely credi-

Sex is a political issue His brother Ted neglected to report

answering about Governor Clinton (or any other public figure) were not the simplistic "Has he ever slept with anyone other than his wife?" but the larger one, "How does this man treat other people?", would a moral inquisition seem so out of place? We may snigger superciliously

about America's gaucheries, but is there not something repugnant (even frightening) about a man who is a compulsive and callous womaniser being in possession of enormous world power? John Kennedy, who is reputed to have had intercourse with three women other than his wife on his inauguration day, springs to mind. We now know that he also shared a mistress with a Mafia boss and skirted disaster con-stantly with his indiscriminate appetites. One actress sardonically described her carnal interlude with him as "the most exhilarating three minutes of my life".

the drowning of a girl in his car, so afraid was he of exposing his lifestyle. In the case of the Kennedys, the most notoriously promiscuous politicians in recent history, there seems to be a constant refrain of crudeness and exploitation.

This is not to say

that a man who is devoted to his wife and family will necessarily be a trustworthy or effective public figure. Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter (who described himself as being guilty of adultery only "in his heart") were disastrous leaders. Nixon has been, by all accounts, a faithful husband and

good father, which in no way



ing unscrupulous himself removed from office. Inrecognisable type of man who behaves thuggishly in his working life while treating his family with unfailing tenderness. Norman Mailer once said, com-

Standing by her man: Mrs Hillary Clinton

menting on Nix-on's children, "No man who produces two daughters like that can be all bad". Indeed, the families of such men are often cruelly bewildered by the public criticism because it seems so out of character with the men they feel they know.

is there a clear line between public and private decency? Even

some sense that relentless philandering is an alarming idiosyncrasy. Most employers, considering a candidate for a responsible position, would think twice if the testimonial from his present firm included the observation that he chased everything in a skirt. And

this reservation would arise not so much from priggishness as from an understanding that rampant lasciviousness is a destructive force: it is likely to create instability in the workplace, encourage disaffection (not to say distraction) among people who should be working as a team. What is more, such a pattern of

behaviour suggests that a man is out of control: that he is a prisoner of his own impulses. In the case of politicians such as Gary Hart, who was caught out in the midst of a primary contest, one is left with the impression that they those who take no serious notice cannot forestall their gratifica-

tions even for the duration of a campaign. (At least in the case of Governor Clinton the rumours seem all to be old stories.) Quaint though it may be a seem all to be old stories. though it may seem, marital pro-priety is not irrelevant as a measure of qualification for major office. Fidelity is, after all, a form of loyalty and a sign of self-control, neither of which are inconsiderable virtues in public life.

For a man (or a woman, although that would be a different kettle of fish altogether) to be revealed as an adulterer is probably not irrevocably damaging, even in the United States. The politicians who have come spectacularly unstuck in recent years have not been crucified for, say, a single long-running affair with a sympathetic woman. What is fatal is a history of squalid bimbo-chasing: the stream of beauty queens, "starlets" and airhead glamourpusses who become an accourrement of power. What people ask of their politicians is only what they would hope for from their neighbours: that they conduct their lives with a degree of seemliness and

The importance of being Boris

The world must learn to take Yeltsin more seriously, says Mary Dejevsky

his week the world is using the Middle East peace talks as a pretext for flocking to Boris Yeltsin's door, and Russia bumbling, confused and inexplicably minus Boris Yeltsin - is welcoming the chance to present its new international face. This burst of diplomatic activity amounts to a belated recognition of reality by the West. The disintegration of the Soviet Union, symbolically completed with the descent of the red flag on December 25, presented a challenge which most Western diplomacy, British and American included, has proved pitifully illequipped to handle.

True, it was a challenge without precedent. The artifice that was the Soviet Union fell to pieces probably more rapidly, more completely and leaving behind more global implications than any previous empire, whether the calculation is the six years in which Mr Gorbachev was in power or the four months since the August coup. Yet the end was not unexpected. Every possible indicator had shown the Soviet Union to be in steep decline. Republics and regions were flying apart. Even so, for most of the past year, the West continued to back Mr Gorbachev and his idea of a new, but still centralised union, at the expense of any emerging leader or alternative scheme - even though it was already clear that the republics were united by little more than resentment

This public and very personal support from Washington and Paris and - to a lesser extent -London explains Mr Gorbachev's abject disappointment when the American State Department clumsily let him know that a democratic vote for independence in Ukraine could hardly pass unnoticed. There were tantrums about the break-up of the country, nuclear proliferation and anarchy, but then everything went quiet - and suddenly the Union was no more.

Through the last months of 1991, the West's diplomatic calculations seemed to combine fear of the unknown, greater fear of instability, and sound diplomatic convention. Few remember a world in which there was a Russian empire rather than a Soviet Union; Yugoslavia's ago-nies were on all our television screens, and Soviet diplomacy had done its utmost to draw the parallels. Anyhow, diplomacy requires that foreign ministries deal with those in power, not with oppositions.

Britain, America and the others went almost as far as they dared, if belatedly, in paying calls on Mr ministers came to Moscow, and in visiting the republics, by-passing Moscow. They received Russians and Ukrainians and Kazakhs and others warmly enough in their capitals. But they were, and remain, unwilling to grasp the magnitude and the finality of what has been happening. The West, by and large, is still dealing with the former union, not with aspiring independent states. In every significant area of activity. in debi management arms control and diplomacy, it is prolonging the union's death throes, not looking to the future. Debt rescheduling, managed

by the Group of Seven industrialised nations, showed the way. Since last autumn, successive G7 delegations have visited Moscow. They have obtained a collective agreement on debt repayment by the primitive expedient of banging heads together. Officials from the grievously indebted republics were brought together and told, in effect, not to come out - and on no account to ask for more -until they had agreed how to share the debts and repay them. This may have been a useful exercise for frivolous borrowers. but it was no way to encourage almost independent states.

Something similar threatens to happen with arms control. There is much whispering in the Western camp about the former Soviet



Taking a salute: the West has been slow to adapt to the new power structure of Yeltsin's Russia

Union's non-ratification of two landmark treaties, limiting strategic-range nuclear weapons (Start) and reducing conventional forces in Europe (CFE), and about possible breaches of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. Even though the disintegration of the former Soviet Union's army of 3.75 million is well advanced, the West appears to have made little attempt to deal separately, where appropriate, with each republic and define its obligations. Even

solid and insistent statements by, for instance, Ukraine, that it wishes to become nuclear-free as soon as possible have been need-

In both cases, debts and arms control, Western negotiators might do better to make their own calculations and deal separately with each republic. Tempers would be cooler, trust would be greater, and individual republics might be inclined to give more rather than less - if only to get the

other republics off their backs and so as to be dealing as states

The consideration of national dignity applies equally in diplomacy, where most Western states continue in their old ways and worry about the money to be spent on new embassies. Britain. in common with many others, has decided to establish embassies in the Baltic (to right an old wrong) and in Ukraine - which, after all, has a population no smaller than

rather than provinces:

ambassador in Moscow as ambassador to Russia, and all the

other "independent" states. This is a pity. The volatile trans-Caucasus and Central Asia are being lumped into an empire they are trying to leave behind. Some, it is true, are still in desperate need of old economic ties, but that is no reason to treat them even now as part of the former Soviet Union. Could not the ambassadors to Turkey, Iran, India and Mongolia not oversee the republies that adjoin these countries? Like it or not, the regional reabsorption of these republics — economically and culturally — has already begun.

Many argue that the disinte-gration has already gone further and faster than is sensible. They would say, with Mr Gorbachev, that a transitional period is needed before the republics are "ready" for full independence. When we all finally judge that they are ready, they will have comented their loyalties with others who were more welcoming: with Turkey, Iran and China.

n Europe, however, one country quietly played its diplomatic cards with ala most unerring sureness and flair. Italy, the land of Machiavelli, was relinquishing its ties with May cirilivating the rougher types of the new Russia, and waiting for the end. By the autuma, its foreign ministry was reviewing all bilateral treaties to see how they could be amended to apply to independent republics. It was a few days' work on a computer. By the time the red flag came down, the Italians had transferred their credits smoothly from the Soviet Union to Russia and had nestled close to the heart of Russian power.

It is perhaps easier for mediumsized countries to play diplomatic games like these with success. Un-like the United States, they are not always in the public eye. Their traditions may be more flexible than those of Britain or France. In the extraordinary circumstances of the past year, nobody could get everything right, but the Italians have certainly done better than most.

...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

y dearest Bernadette, Did you see us on television again on Sunday night? Did you? Did you? By now you will know that things have gone badly wrong. Oh, Bernadette, my love, my one true love, what has happened? Have you read the reviews? Before it began, our love affair was billed as a major drama, an imaginative triumph, an intensely moving evocation of overwhelming passion. What went wrong? Now that it is all over - is it all over? - we find ourselves outcasts from decent society, ostracised for the rest of time for no reason other than our complete and utter preposterousness.

"But there must be a place in any society for preposterous characters, a little nook where they can talk in cliches and run towards each other in slow motion, for ever and ever. What shall we do now, my love? I hear tell that there is a drama series in Australia which is looking for a retired bank manager going to seed. But how I wish I could shake free of those chains! Oh. to be a living, breathing human being rather than just a cliche TV bank manager unable to cope with real emotion!

I look forward to an early reply to my communication of the 7th inst. Yours faithfully, A. Powell (Manager, Retd. Gng

"Andrew, my love, Yes, my love, I know what they're saying about us. They're saying we strain credulity, that no couple ever spoke in such a stilted

manner ever before. What I say is, if that's what they think they can't have read the rest of

"But how could I ever forget our nights of passion? That time you said, 'Yes, yes!' and I said, 'Oooh! There! Oooh!' and the director said, 'Bend the knee slightly love! Super! Oh, yes. my darling, we made love like no other couple has done before. "You ask: is it all over? Sometimes the truth is hard, very hard. But here goes. I looked in next week's Radio

Times. I can't see us pencilled in

for next Sunday. There's a

nature series instead. So it looks like we're high and dry. "Perhaps if we got back to-gether, they'd give us another series. It's a thought, isn't it? Frankly, I watched that wife of yours dying in the hospital last Sunday and I'm pretty sure she was faking it. I'll never forget how the scene went. She was in bed with her eyes shut. You said: 'Cup of tea, love?' She opened her eyes and said: Thank you. darling. Good luck.' And then

dead. You seemed to fall for it. "But I know her type. She'd read the reviews of the first two episodes and she was out to do a runner before the end of the third. That way she probably thought she could start a new life somewhere, perhaps in a situation comedy. But maybe if we could trace her, we could all get back together and they'd give us a few more episodes. That we could prove that our

love transcends cliche. Our love

she closed her eyes and played

is like a mountain stream. It's a forest fire. It's a bird in flight. But it's more, much more than that! It's a forest stream in flight from a mountain, a mountain flying from a very wet bird, a forest bird with a mountain perched on its head sitting in a stream. Love Bernadette." My dearest Bernadette. I can

date it to a precise moment. I South Bank, I had gone in to enjoy a couple of glasses of sherry. Sorry sir, the bartender had said, 'but we don't serve stereotypes here. The street was empty as I came out. I walked 11 paces and then all but crashed into that man. It was Bragg: Bragg, my scourge, my torment, my creator. It was as if a bonfire which had been built up without my being aware of it had suddenly ignited. Ignited by a mountain stream.

You of all people.' I said to him. I sensed that he recognised me. You know who I am. don't you?" I added.

"You're an idea in my head." he said shiftily. An idea I have for an intensely moving evocation of overwhelming passion, a brave and searingly honest portrait of vibrantly erotic love."

"That's what he promised. Oh, yes. And now it's all in shreds. I've no job, my girlfriend's a fantasy, my wife's playing dead and the critics don't believe a word of it. Where on earth can a character like mine feel wanted? Yours faithfully, A. Powell."

"Andrew, my love. Emmerdale Farm? Love Bernadette."

Stagestruck for a century

DAME Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies. the last living link with Victorian theatre, who died peacefully yesterday, two days after her 101st birthday, never ceased to amaze her friends.

Her neighbour and friend, Victor Pemberton, who produced the award-winning BBC Omnibus film about her in 1988, says: "She was essentially of the 20th century – all of it"

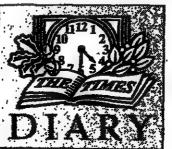
She was made a DBE only in the last birthday honours list after a persuasive campaign by some distinguished theatrical knights. She received a letter of congratulation from John Major, who was clearly delighted at the

recommendation. As a child, Dame Gwen saw Henry Irving act, was a protegée of Ellen Terry and later played Tess of the D'Urbevilles before Thomas Hardy at his Dorchester home, Max Gate.

She last appeared a month ago in the two-hour Christmas Sherlock Holmes episode. "Typically. although she only had a small part at the beginning of the film, she learned the whole of that huge script so that she understood the piece. She never lost that dedication," says Pemberton.

Her agent for 30 years, Larry Daizell, says: "She was alert to the end, and had a truly phenomenal memory - she could still recite the whole of Juliet's part and did at her popular masterclasses, and was a 14-year-old again -- as well as being a professional to her fingertips, so that she was invaluable to young actors who genuinely sought her advice."

During the Omnibus programme. Dame Gwen, a longstanding Christian Scientist, was asked by Nigel Hawthorne if she



was nervous about dying: "My dear. I'm always nervous about doing something for the first time," she replied.

• Toasting Wittgenstein's biographer Ray Monk, the winner of the Duff Cooper Memorial Prize. at the Mayfair Hotel last night was a good cross section of London literati, but few of the philosopher's surviving disciples. Monk has still not been forgiven for joining the ranks of scholars who accept that Wittgenstein was homosexual, although his por-trait rejects the allegations of promiscuity levelled by a pre-vious biographer, the late W.W. Bartley III.

Women of substance

THE world's first economic summit for first ladies is to be held in Geneva next month, organised by a United Nations agency. The partners of some of the world's most powerful men will - against all international precedents - be expected to voice their own opinions. Most of them accepted their invitations only after consulting their spouses.

Those who have accepted include a gaggle of European queens, Fabiola of Belgium and Sophia of Spain, and the very proletarian Danuta Walesa from

Poland. Some will scoff at the idea of the first ladies, clad in their Christian Dior and expressing concern about their sisters toiling in the fields of the Third World. Already a protocol department has been set up to co-ordinate the really important issue: who should sit at the head of the top table?

 The Peak District National Park is appointing a new chief executive at a salary of £50,000 a year. The park, home of Kinder Scout and the famous trespass which established the right of the labourer to enjoy equal access with the laird, clearly takes its egalitarian past very seriously. An advert has been placed in The Peak Advertiser - between an ad for a part-time home-help and another for a "sweeper-upper and assistant van driver".

Bully for you

SAFE in the knowledge that God . is on both of their sides, the bishops of Manchester, Southwell, Oxford, and Bath and Wells are to



do battle on the hockey pitch with the Mothers' Union. -

it will be a novel experience for the 57-year-old Bishop of Southwell, the Right Rev Patrick Harris. "I have never played before. They ought to put me as far away from the ball as possible."

Below the belt

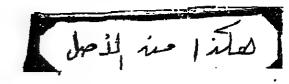
WHATEVER the outcome of the trial of heavyweight boxer Mike Tyson, one man is sure to be deeated. If he loses the case, Jeffrey Modisett, the Marion County prosecutor and thus an elected of ficial, faces political humiliation, charged with incompetence and publicity-mongering. If he wins, however, Modisett risks losing the support of black voters.

Although the accusation of rape was made by a black woman, the trial is being seen as a white prosecution of a prominent black. A Tyson conviction would prove highly unpopular. The local television anchorman

is already in hot water. Carried away by the excitement on the steps of the Marion county courthouse yesterday he breezed: "This case is going to be real fun." After the commercials and a wave of protest, he re-appeared to recant er, when I spoke about fun, I did not mean to imply that there was anything amusing about the offence of rape."

• Will the dictates of political correctness force the Washington Redskins, victors of the Super Bowl, to change their name? After their triumph over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday night, the American Indian Movement was demanding that the team make the change. Alternative suggestions are already in circulation. The football team needs a name that reflects what Washington is famous for, say the Indian cam-When they bully off at Dean's paigners. Washington Windbags Yard. Westminster, next month, is the favourite.







UNCIVIL SERVANTS

The Conservative party has an uneasy relationship with the public sector. For most of Margaret Thatcher's rule, the failings of public services were blamed on Labour, the party of nationalisation. The policy was to cure such evils by privatisation. Against the constant incantation of "private good, public bad", civil servants felt unloved and complained that the ideals of public service had been undermined. John Major saw his citizen's charter as a solution to both problems: poor public services and demoralised public-sector workers. But can the charter address the first without damaging the second?

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as Jana Isla

Not if it is to be more than electoral public relations. After 13 years of Tory rule, Mr Major can no longer lay inefficiency in public service at the door of Labour (except in a few local councils). The Tories have long been party to the welfare state, both as architects and as custodians. Even when the welfare consensus notionally broke down with the arrival of Mrs Thatcher, it was not so much privatisation that improved the health, welfare, education and rail services to name some candidates for charterism as a combination of threatened competition, cash limits and regulation. Mr Major now realises that privatisation is not a sufficient condition for further improvement. If he has gone soft on privatisation, he must find some other way of bringing proper private-sector disciplines to bear on the public sector.

Yesterday's press conference suggested that too few ministers have any idea of what makes the private sector tick. A private company offers redress for poor service because its interest is to do so. Satisfied customers return and spend more money, or the company goes bankrupt and the workers lose their jobs. Public bodies have no such incentive. Either they are monopolies or, as in health and education, the competition is so expensive as to be out of most people's reach. Incentive has to be imposed. Mr Major is therefore right to insist that standards of service be drawn up and redress

be offered when those standards are not met. So far so good. But redress is expensive, as the Treasury keeps reminding him. To re-

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strain the costs of the citizen's charter refunds will be so small as to be virtually worthless or the refunds will have to be curtailed. That can only be done by raising standards. So the official responsible for poor management leading to low standards will have to be held accountable like private-sector managers who bust budgets or produce constantly disgruntled customers. Ultimately, he or she

must be sacked. This is where the aims of Mr Major's charter conflict. On the one hand, he wants to improve the quality of the public services. and on the other, to reinvigorate morale among civil servants. He and the Treasury are famously timid about confronting public sector unions. In many cases, the civil servants are the problem. Tucked into a job for life and insulated from competitive market forces, they have little incentive to take the charter seriously if they are not doing so already. Hence the lack of teeth is a real, not a hypothetical, shortcoming of this otherwise admirable innovation. If civil servants knew that they would suffer a pay cut or lose their job if that letter hinked in their in-tray for another day, things would

improve overnight. Francis Maude, the Treasury minister in charge of the charter, admitted yesterday that not a single civil servant had yet been disciplined. The charter was not meant to be "a punitive expedition", he said. Public servants "don't need to be bullied and hounded into giving good service: they want to give good service". Why, then, is the service still had?

Performance-related pay may turn out to be the carrot that induces public officials to deliver a service good enough to rival the private sector. If not, ministers will need the use of a stick. Managers who consistently fail to deliver services of a suitable standard should be warned and, eventually, sacked. This will not initially do wonders for the morale of civil servants. But their morale should not be dependent purely on the security of their job and the prospect of an index-linked pension. As in the private sector, it should stem from the satisfaction of a job well done.

THE SICK MAN RECOVERS

No sooner has Germany begun to stretch its muscles across central Europe than another historical ghost is emerging to the south. Turkey not only boasts a vigorous growth rate; it is now actively intervening in the economies of its sickly neighbours.

Turkish politicians and businessmen are moving into the wasteland left by com-Azerbaijan, is the latest in a stream of visitors and to Turkey, is now hoping the generosity to Ankara from formerly Soviet Central Asia, as newly independent states discover their religious, linguistic and cultural links with Asia Minor. To the west, Turkey has returned to the territories of the Ottoman empire. The Balkans are being courted with Turkish aid and investment in support of Ankara's plans for a new Black Sea economic co-operation zone.

From Brussels, Turkey is still a developing country, far-behind the economic and political development of the Community it. would like to join. Seen from Bucharest or Tashkent, it is a dynamic regional power. The reason is twofold: communism's collapse and the ECs rebuff to Turkey's application for membership. Ankara has not turned its back on the EC, but Europeans have been discouraging, with politicians snidely asserting that only nations sharing Christendom's hesitage could ever be members. The disintegration of the Soviet Union has now given Turks an alternative area of influence, among states eager for a secular democracy to set against fundamentalist regimes threatening their southern flank.

This appeal spreads beyond the 100 million ethnic Turks. Turkey's oldest and most bitter foe, Armenia, now sees its powerful neighbour as a window to the west. It has opened direct air links, encouraged cross-border trade and asked for help against Azerbaijani attacks on Atmenians in Nagorno-Karabakh. Others in the region also

see in Turkey's well-stocked shops, thriving agriculture and developing infrastructure a new Germany to pull them out of stagnation. Bulgaria, despite the communists' recent campaign against the country's ethnic Turks, is boping for some of the money Turkish industry appears ready to invest abroad. So too are Serbia, Romania, and zz Mutalibov, the president of "" even Albania. Russia, once a large donor of will be repaid. Moscow was effusive in its welcome last week for Hikmet Cetin, the Turkish foreign minister.

Pan-Turkism is an old dream that historically ended in bitterness and bloodshed. But reinforcing economic links and spreading the message of secular democracy are a far cry from the ethnic nationalism of past Turkish imperialism. Turkey has proved its democracy after several false starts. It knows the dangers of ethnic unrest and military intervention. Its new prime minister, Suleyman Demirel, is a veteran who seems ready to build on the economic and political reforms of President Ozal.

Despite a more liberal attitude to the Kurds, repression of them continues, with no little encouragement from Kurdish terrorists. Economic liberalisation has not yet reached the state sector. And Ankara is as intransigent as ever on Cyprus, apparently retreating even from last year's promises.

Yet Turkey is better placed to lead a new Ottoman "empire of influence" than was its sick ancestor. Its role in promoting regional stability where the West has little influence or experience could be invaluable. Its Muslim moderation is urgently needed to counter fundamentalism. Both before the Gulf war and afterwards its diplomatic footwork has been skilful. The West should recognise and support this new role for a country that from Roman times has held the balance of power hetween East and West.

SPACE ODDITY

Sergei to ground control. Sergei to ground control. Speak to me, if only to say Do svidaniya, au revoir, we shall meet again. That would be some reassurance.

I, Colonel Sergei Krikalev, Soviet cosmonaut, being marooned 200 miles above Earth in this dismal and increasingly leaky space station Mir, all the rest of the spaceship's company save one having abandoned ship, and myself increasingly sick and metancholic as I circle the globe 16 times 2 day, have become the Robinson Crusoe of the late 20th century.

Space is not remote at all. It is only ten hours' away, if I could point my trusty Lada vertically upwards from Moscow. But I feel more isolated than Crusoe on his Island of Despair. As my reason begins to master my despondency, I seek to comfort myself as well as I can and to set the good against the evil. The evil is that I am cast away upon a clapped-out spaceship with no immediate hope of recovery, and having to do continual maintenance work just to keep the thing in orbit. The good is that I am alive and warm, rather than starving and cold as many of my comrades must be down on Earth.

The evil is that I should have ended my flight in October, but am singled out and separated from all the world to be a solitaire. My body is changing shape, particularly around the ankles, my food is unbearably monotonous after 270 days. The good is that the supply rocket. Progress, arrived from Baikonur today with enough heatable dinners to keep me alive until March. I am eating better than my countrymen on Earth.

My communist party card has become an illegal document since I have been in space, because the political upheavals down on Earth have thrown our space programme and everything else into confusion. Boris Yeltsin, who I gather from the occasional guarded squawks and crackles from Earth, is now president of Russia, is even considering selling Mir to American capitalists. But we have a problem with our automatic docking system, which cannot line up the hatch with the rendezvous craft.

Since I flew to Mir in May with the British female cosmonaut, Helen Sharman, my salary has been steadily accumulating in my state savings account. However, the real value of my 600 roubles a month is falling so fast that space technicians and trainee cosmonauts at Star City, outside Moscow, went on strike yesterday in protest.

I sometimes get guarded replies to my plaintive appeals for information from below, and hear of startling coups and plots, the return and obsolescence of Gorbachev, the sudden collapse of the Soviet Union. But there may not be enough money or spare parts left in the successor regimes to send up another Progress rocket to save Mir. The whole space programme may fall apart as the former Soviet republics are engulfed in starvation and civil war.

Perhaps now that the Western media, so often vilified by our masters in the past, are taking an interest in my plight, I shall not be abandoned as a non-person, as I might have been five years ago. Sergei to BBC. Please come in.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Doubts about Trident independence Issues of devolution for Scotland

From Lord Kennet

Sir, Mr Archie Hamilton, minister of state for the armed forces, sees major questions about Labour's defence proposals" (letter, January 20).

I and others left the Labour party when its defence policies went, as we saw it, round the bend. They have now come back, and it is the content of the Conservative government's defence policies that at present I find

Trident, Britain's "independent" strategic nuclear force, will not be independent.

1. Trident missiles are available to us at the whim of any president - there is no binding agreement with the United States as such.

2. The missiles are, beyond our control, designed and manufactured in the United States and are to be serviced there. In certain respects they will be covered by the Start agreement to which we are not a signatory.

3. The technology used in the submarines is to a significant degree American, and the assigning of them is probably under United States control — i.e., they may be assigned

to Nato, but probably not to the Western European Union. 4. Their targeting depends, 10 a significant degree, on information provided by the United States.

With US/EC relations moving as they are, will American presidents certainly continue wanting to pro-vide and service Trident missiles for an EC member state when EC foreign and defence policy becomes more detached from the United

All these prospects may account for the government's determination not "now to depend solely on our submarine-launched system which would mean putting all our nuclear eggs in one basket for decades ahead", as Earl Howe, speaking for the government, put it in the House of Lords, on January 17.

The "sub-strategic" nuclear strike capability the government is now seeking seems to take on a new, and important, guise in the circum-

participants, under no compulsion.

choose to obtain the benefit of

employing a lawyer, it ill behoves you

to castigate the lawyer for providing

the expertise for which he is trained.

Hood Vores & Allwood (solicitors).

Sir, There already exists in this

country a form of ADR which covers

comprehensive mediation in the family field. The Family Mediators Association (FMA), of which I was a

co-founder in 1988, specialises in

comprehensive mediation with cou-

ples involved in separation or di-

All issues which arise on a marital

breakup are dealt with, including

questions concerning the divorce or

separation itself, the children, the

family home, as well as all other

The FMA operates in accordance

with the code of practice approved by

the Law Society. Its mediation is not a substitute for legal advice: both parties are encouraged to take what-

ever proposals have evolved in the

course of the mediation to their own

respective solicitors for finalisation,

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One of the association's prime

objects, however, is to enable the

couple to make informed decisions

with the minimum of rancour and

cost, both financial and emotional.

Yugoslavia's collapse

Sir. Mr Marko Gasic (lener, January

22) argues that Yugoslavia still exists

under international law since "the

nucleus [Serbia and Montenegro]

which formed her still exists". On the

identified as the Royal Kingdom

flater the Socialist Federal Republic

Mr Gasic also argues that Yugo-

slavia's death has been "greatly

exaggerated" because the United

Nations has not yet formally rec-

ognised Croat or Slovene indepen-dence. I submit that it is not for other

From Mr Magnus Kovacec

Yours faithfully.

of Yugoslavia.

us own sovereignty.

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The Priory, Church Street,

From Mr Jack Bleiman

Yours etc. WAYLAND KENNET. House of Lords. January 21.

Yours sincerely, D C. O'NEILL

January 20.

Dereham, Norfolk.

Buttress to the law

From Mr Anthony Nixon

Sir. Of course lawyers will milk anything they can — as stated in your leader on alternative dispute resolution (ADR) of January 15 — if we are allowed to. Why not?

The point about ADR is that the solution to the problem is found by those who created the problem in the first place. These creators can range from commercial parties who have not, for whatever reason, managed to consider all aspects of the deal at the outset to the parties to a once-happy

marriage.

A neutral facilitator is often helpful in bringing the parties together. Many who are otherwise willing to look for an answer are reluctant to approach the other side first, though they will do so through the good offices of a trusted third party. Serious proponents of ADR do not suggest that the role of neutral is the exclusive province of the lawyer.

. More widespread use of ADR might eventually lead to greater attempts, especially in the commercial field, to do things right first time. Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY NIXON, L. H. Consultants, 70 Warwick Road St Albans, Hernfordshire. January 15.

From Mr D. C. O'Neill Sir, You describe lawyers' participa-tion in industrial tribunals as "milking the procedure for their own purposes"; and yet in the very next sentence you write that "few would dare to go before a tribunal without

benefit of a lawyer". Thank you: a compliment. But if

Harrying of the North From Professor D. M. Palliser

Sir, George Hill's enjoyable and informative article (Getting Away, January 18) on Rievaulx Abbey repeats the entrenched belief that the area in 1131 was "still depopulated after William the Conqueror's savage

reprisals".
The North was undoubtedly badly mauled in the harrying of 1069-70, but recent work is suggesting that the destruction was exaggerated by the chroniclers - atrocity stories rarely lose anything in the telling.

There is no archaeological confirmation for wholesale destruction of towns and villages, and the frequent "waste" entries in Domes-day Book do not always mean "uninhabited".

Yours faithfully. DAVID PALLISER. The University of Hull, Department of History. Cottingham Road, Hull, Humberside.

Organising the old From Mr Cyril Marshall

Sir, You are right to say that "The old

in this country would be more powerful politically, and improve their public perception, if they organised themselves better (leader. January 22). You are wrong, though, to imply

that there are no eloquent spokes men for the older generations, and that no one is marching on West-minster. Jack Jones, of the National Pensioners' Convention, and Dorothy Rhodes, of Pensioners' Voice, are two of several throughout the country - and there have been marches on Westminster. It is by a process of consultation rather than by conflict, however, that pensioners wish to advance their cause.

The NPC is seeking to persuade those in authority — in national government, local government, and in other bodies — that there is a real need for full and regular consultation with representatives of pensioners about policies and decisions which affect old people.

Unfortunately, as a persuasive force, the pensioners' movement is comparatively weak. Although there are ten million pensioners it is fragmented and lacks members. What is needed is not a new political party on the lines of the German Grey party but the mobilisation of pensioners in one national organisation that could influence the govemment and, as we draw closer to mainland Europe, the European authorities as well.

Yours faithfully, MAGNUS KOVACEC, 9 North Park, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire. The NPC has recently established

pensioners' assemblies in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, and in nine geographical regions of Eng-land. That activity does not in any way weaken or take the place of the activities of the various pensioners' organisations throughout the country. What it does do is to provide them with a central voice.

The NPC believes that if old people are to fight their own corner (as you suggest that they should, and as the wishes them to) it is vital to build on the unity that has been achieved so far. On April 23 and 24 the convention will take a further step towards uniting the whole of the pensioners' movement when it holds a national pensioners' congress in Birmingham town hall.

Retired people's organisations throughout the British Isles are being invited to send delegates to the congress. As well as having the support of retired people's organ-isations, however, the NPC seeks the co-operation and support of all people of good will in the community to promote, saleguard, and improve the interests of the present and the future retired population.

Yours faithfully. CYRIL MARSHALL (Treasurer, National Pensioners' Convention). 6 Loxley Road, SW18. January 23.

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From Sir George Gardiner, MP for Reigate (Conservative)

Sir. The argument over Scottish devolution has always been obscured by fudging the fundamental issues. and alas your editorial, "Over-unionised" (January 20), persists with this fudge.

"An assembly in Edinburgh with extensive executive power would require an end to the over-Scotland. Your contention that a Scottish assembly could opt for higher taxation would seem to accept

If such an assembly were to come to pass, then Scottish MPs could hardly be allowed any say in the laws that apply over England and Wales. Thus, with the fudge climinated, your sentence would read: "An assembly in Edinburgh with legislative power would require an end to Scottish MPs at Westminster voting on legislation applying to

By all means let us have a debate of From Mr J. I. Chisholm Scottish devolution - yet again. But the Scots must understand that they cannot have their cake and eat it. If they wish to decide through an assembly the laws and taxation that apply in Scotland, then fair enough. But let no one delude them into thinking that they can then continue to influence the laws and taxation that apply to the English and Welsh.

Yours faithfully, House of Commons. January 20.

From Dr James Wilkie

manner in which Scotland is governed at the moment is a travesty of

should advance the selective and 22 Norman Avenue, long-discredited argument that Scot- Twickenham, Middlesex land receives a net inflow of subsidies January 22.

Dr Brian Barton

Republic's electorate.

The Republic has currently a 20

countries or organisations to "rec-ognise" the independence of any nation which has publicly declared

from London, while ignoring the role played by Scotland's natural resources in the UK economy.

Pressgasse 21/8, 1040 Vienna.

Sir, Unlike many of those now

calling for Scottish independence or

for devolution, I actually live in

Scotland. I have never heard one of

my friends, neighbours or relatives

express any desire for a change in

Scotland's status within the UK.

Those who mention the subject at all

are norrified by the prospect of a tax-

raising Scottish assembly.
The electoral handicap of the

Scottish Tories is not their attach-

ment to the Union, but their abject

failure to attack and expose the

weaknesses in the devolutionist case

and, in particular, its financial

Sir, Mr Michael Forsyth argues that

Scotland receives more than its fair

share of public expenditure on the

basis of a formulation "which no

longer reflects relative population

The assumptions underlying the

current English complaints of over-

provision for the Scots is that the

grant of public expenditure to Scot-

and should not be on the basis of the

contribution to revenue made by

Scotland but on new principles of per

Conservative MPs are implicitly

arguing in favour of such egalitarian

and redistributive principles. At the

least the principles underlying the current arrangements should be

understood and criticism not based

existing financial arrangements be-

tween England and Scotland could

always be re-examined and indeed

would need to be if a Scottish

partiament is established. It does not

follow automatically, however, that

Scotland would be worse off under

Numerous opinion polls have

I accept that the whole basis of the

on incorrect assumptions.

any such new arrangement.

Yours faithfully,

Some may find it surprising that

capita distribution.

Yours etc.,

January 22.

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January 20.

Yours faithfully,

PETER BARLOW,

Inversaray, Argyll.

Annandale, Minard,

JAMES WILKIE,

From Mr P. J. Barlow

representation of Scottish MPs at Westminster", you write. Really, is that all? Devolutionalists have made clear over the past 20 years that they want a legislative assembly responsible for the laws that apply in

England and Wales."

Self-determination — to use your word - must apply equally.

GEORGE GARDINER.

Sir, Writing on Scottish devolution Mr Michael Forsyth (article, January 21) ignores the broader dimensions. Fundamental restructuring is taking place all over Europe, not merely as a reaction to national aspirations, but also in order to adapt to the all-European structures which are now clearly emerging.

Against that background, the

It is surprising that a minister J. I. CHISHOLM,

Ireland's politics From Mr Patrick J. Roche and

Sir. The widespread belief, cited by Edward Gorman in his articles of January 21 and 22, in "the historical inevitability of Britain's exit from Ireland" is based on a failure to understand at least two related realities of Irish politics: (a) the economics of Irish unification, and (b) the pragmatic partitionism of the

per cent rate of unemployment and a national debt/GNP ratio of 115 per cent, which is one of the highest in

contrary, it was the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes which the Corfu declaration of July 1917

The concomitant poverty (at least one third of the population subsist on inadequate levels of social security) and high emigration (a minimum figure of 250,000 over the past decade) are indicators of what some Irish politicians are now prepared to call "70 years of failure". How could this economy incorporate Northern Ireland and leave Britain to depart (as envisaged by Mr Gorman) with an annual saving of £2 billion subvention?

Professor Tom Garvin has well stated a growing consensus of informed opinion in the Republic: If such an offer (of British withdrawal) were to be seriously and publicly made by the British government... it would have devastating effects on the Republic. The structure of the Dublin state is predicted on the unspoken assumption of indefinite continuance of partition ("Consensus in Ireland: Approaches and Recessions".

shown that the Republic's electorate would not be prepared to incur the costs of British withdrawal. Nor should it be forgotten that politics in the Republic combine an emotional attachment to unification (given substance by an irredentist rhetoric and articles 2 and 3 of the constitution) with a pragmatic partitionism which would ultimately function as an effective barrier to British withdrawai. The key to peace is to assist nationalists to confront political and

economic reality and consequently to disengage from the dream of unification. The omens are not unfavourable. The major political parties in the Republic — with the exception of Fianna Fail, but this will change with the departure of Haughey - are agreed on the need to amend articles 2 and 3.

An unambiguous commitment to the Union by the British political parties (which would require a radical change in Labour party policy) would enable the majority and minority communities to engage in realistic negotiation and compromise on the government of Northern Ireland.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK J. ROCHE, BRIAN BARTON, 4 Pinehill Road, Bangor, Co. Down.

January 24. In Sir Andrew Gilchrist's letter yesterday on the Ulster talks, "an improved solution", in two instances, should have read "an imposed sol-

Library's future

From Mr N. C. Sebag-Montefiore

Sir. Action to preserve the Royal Anthropological Institute's library may be regarded as an excellent precedent for solving the problems confronting the Royal Commonwealth Society (Dr Armour's letter, January 18). Since 1976, the institute's library has effectively been merged with that of the Museum of Mankind (part of the British Museum) in Burlington Gardens, while browsing and borrowing rights for its fellows have been preserved.

The RAI continues to provide a substantial annual grant for book purchases and a librarian to select them, while the government provides space and staff through the Museum of Mankind. Considerable expense continues; but both RAI fellows and the general public have continuing access to a larger library than might

otherwise have been possible. When the Museum of Mankind moves back to Bloomsbury, as the British Library moves on there would perhaps be room there for the Royal Commonwealth Society's library as well.

Yours faithfully. N. C. SEBAG-MONTEFIORE (Honorary Treasurer). Royal Anthropological Institute. 50 Fitzroy Street, W1.

Coining clichés From Mrs Lavender Westwood

Sir. Perhaps rivers always "burst their banks" and never overflow (letter, January 21) for the same reason as towns always spring up

and populations explode - that we

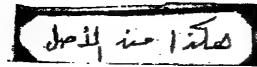
like to feel we live dangerously. Yours faithfully. LAVENDER WESTWOOD. The River House, by Loddon, Wargrave, Berkshire. January 21.

Straight from the Bard

From Mrs Elizabeth Newlands Sir, Lady Hylton's illuminating letter (January 18) on Shakespeare's "ex-tras" reminds me of the strange confusion over the name of Macbeth's first victim. Although called Duncan in the list of dramatis personae, he is otherwise addressed by the bleeding Sergeant in only the second scene: "Mark, King of Scotland." Perhaps the man's injuries have affected his memory. Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH NEWLANDS, 3 Newington Green Road, N1. January 19. .

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COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM January 27: The Queen, Honor-ary Air Commodore, visited Royal Air Force Marham this morning. and was received by Group Captain G.E. Stirrup (Station

Commander). Her Majesty toured displays in the Base Hangar and visited the Reconnaisance Intelligence Centre and the Tornado Propulsion Flight Wing.

The Queen toured the new Station Headquarters after unveiling a commemorative plaque, and later visited a married quarter. The Lady Susan Hussey, Sir Kenneth Scott and Wing Com-mander David Walker, RAF,

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 27: The Princess Royal.

Today's royal engagements

were in attendance.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Incorporated Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, will visit the school at Pembroke Place, Liverpool, at 9.55; as President of the Save the Children Fund, she will visit Lyons Bakery, Barnsley, at 1.00; and will open the Park Rehabilitation Centre, Badsley Moor Lane, Rotherham, at 3.00. of Aylesford). Her Royal Highness attended a Luncheon at Walsall Chamber of Commerce and later visited Jabez Cliff Ltd and James Cotterell Ltd. In the evening The Princess Royal attended a dinner at the Masonic Hall, Aldridge.

Mrs Timothy Holderness-

Master, The Worshipful Com-pany of Loriners, today visited Walsall for the Master's Annual

Trade Visit and was received by

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (The Earl

KENSINGTON PALACE January 27: The Princess of Wales inday visited Pine Lodge, the Thames Valley Hospice at Hatch Lane, Windsor. Mr Patrick Jephson was in

The Duke of Gloucester will open the Magistrates' Court House.

Great Yarmouth, at 11.00; the Probation Office at 12.05; visit Churchman House, St Giles Street, Norwich, at 2.15: and will visit the Snettisham Treasure Exhibition at the Castle Museum

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the newly refurbished Lucas Block at St Bartholomew's Hos-

Church news

Clergy appointments The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, has appointed the following as Honorary Care the following as Honorary Can-ons of Canterbury Cathedral: the Rev Robert Stroud, Rector, Holy Trinity w Christ Church, Folke-stone, and Rural Dean of Elham: and the Rev Jonathan Gledhill. Vicar, St Mary Bredin, Canterbury and Rural Dean of

ceam and Weils).
The Rev John Barnes, Vicar, Rawdon: to be also Raral Dean of Otley (Bradford).
The Rev Gerard Bonham-Carter, Honorary Corate, St. Paul. Windbledon Paric to be elso ball-dime Chaptain to The Royal Hospital and Home, Patney (Southward).

(Southward, The Rev Canon Herbert C Bradbury, The Rev Canon Herbert C Bradbury, Vicar, Wrontham W However and Seelangh, and Surel Dean of Tunsmedit to be Rector, Greet Massingham w Little Massingham and Marpley Phorwich). The Rev Mark 5 Bridgen, Assistant

stipendiary Curate. St Wilfred's parish church. Lidget Oreest to be Assistant Curate. St Paul and St Jude. Manningham. (Bradford). The new Dr John & Ferwick, Artholishop of Canterbury's assistant Secretary for Entemental Affairs, and on the staff of Christ Church. Puriey (Southward, and an Assistant Chapian of the Order of St John: to be Section. St Laurence. Choicey (Blackburm). The Rev Chuon Tony Hart, Residentiary Curon of Durham Cethedral: to be Victir, Eastingwold w Fastadi (Yorld. The Rev Linic M. A. Hayden. Vicar. (Bradford).

The Rev Devid Horsfall, Carata, St Mary's, Chaddesdan: to be Venz, Swadlincote (Derby).

The Rev William D Lang, Vicar, Holmwood: to be Rector, Elstand, and Vicar, Thursley (Guildford).

The Sev Barry E Langman, non-supendiary minister, St Margaresi-cliffe wesselffe and East Langdon w West Langdon: to be Curate, Folkessone, St George w Sandgans, St Faul (Canasebury).

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The Rev Conal M Mahony, nonsupendary minister (Canarbury): to be
Aritman Curate, Hempnall Team Minlatty (Norwich).

The Ray Prob Geoffrey Mariow, Sishop's Chaplain designate and Pastoral Assis-tant designate (Bath and Wells): to be also probend of Dinder, Wells Cathe-



Two contenders perform at the final of the Yamaha Music Foundation string scholarships at the Royal College of Music. Mieko Kanno, left. of Finchley, north London, and Deborah Widdup, of Surbiton, Surrey, both aged 23, were among ten players competing yesterday for scholarships worth £2,000

Legal appointments

Mr Keith Hallis to be joint District Judge for the district of the Eastbourne group of county courts and joint District Judge in the District Registry of the High Court at Eastbourne and

Mr Richard Hendicott to be joint District Judge for the district of the Cardiff county court and joint District Judge in the District Registry of the High Court at Cardiff.

District Judge for the district of the Brentford group of county

Mr Justice Pill to be a Judge of the Employment Appeal

Mr Paul Collins to be a Circuit Judge assigned to the South Eastern circuit.

Fruiterers Company

On January 27, 1992, the Fruiterers Company elected the following Officers for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Alan F. Todd, MBE: Upper Warden, Mr M.B. Sykes; Renter Warden, Mr M.C. Wallis. General Sir Robert Pascoe, KCB. MBE, was elected as a Liveryman of the Company Honoris Causa. and Mrs W.W. Ashton was elected as an Honorary Freeman of the Company.

University news

The following are proposed to receive honorary degrees in June D.Litt: Sir Vidia Naipaul, Mr

D.Sc Professor Murray Gell-Mann, RA Millikan Professor of Theoretical Physics, California Institute of Technology, Professor Dame Margaret Turner-War-wick, DBE, President of the Royal College of Physicians, Fellow of University College London.

Queen Margrethe II of Denmark will receive the Degree of Doctor of Civil Law by Diploma.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henry VII, reigned 1485-1509, Pembroke castle, 1457; Charles George Gordon, general, London, 1833; Sir Henry Stanley, explorer, Den-bigh, Clwyd, 1841; Jose Marti, poet and Cuban nationalist, Havaпа, 1853.

Uppingham School

The Chapel Choir will perform Durufle's Requiem in West-minster Abbey on Sunday, Feb-ruary 9, at 5.30pm. Members of

The following honorary degrees

LLD: Professor Martin Harris, Vice-Chancellor of Essex: Sir Lan Fraser, consultant surgeon; Sir Brian Hutton, Lord Chief Justice of N Ireland; Dr Thomas Mitchell. Provost of Trinity College.

DSc Professor Frederick Brown Professorial Fellow of Queen's, M. Laurent Beaudoin, Chairman and chief executive of Bombardier Inc.

Did: Mr Brian Friel, writer. DSSe Mr John Cole, BBC political editor.

chairman of the SCOPE Unit at

Birthdays

Mr Alan Alda, actor, 56, Mr Mr Bill Jordan, trades unionist.
Mikhali Baryshnikov, ballet 56; Sir Timothy Kitson, former dancer and actor, 44; Mrs Valcrie MP, 61; Mr Alfred Marks, actor Bragg, principal, City Technology College, Kingshurst, Birm-ingham, 45; Miss Enid Castle, principal, Cheltenham Ladles College, 56; Sir Oliver Chester-ton, chartered surveyor, 79; Mr John Edmonds, trades unionist. 48: Mr M.G. Falcon, chairman. Norwich Union Insurance Group, 64; Sir Anthony Garner, former director of organisation, Conservative Central Office, 65:

The following are to be awarded

Professor Jean Bioridel, Prosor of Political Science: Barron Bullock of Leafield, Fellow of St. Catherine's College, Oxford; Professor Ken Cattermole, Professor of Telecommunications Sys-sems, Professor Mary Douglas, former Professor of Social Anthropology; Professor Jean-Pranco, Professor of Spanish and Portuguese, Mrs Leah Levin. national Commission of Jurists: Professor Sir Frederick Warner,

and comedian, 71: Mr Rounie Scott, jazz musician, 65; Major-General Martin Siman, sec-retary, Kennel Club, 64; Sir Trevor Skeet, MP. 74; Professor John Tavener, composer, 48: Mr David Thompson, chairman, Rank Xerox, 60; the Rev B.R. White, former principal, Regent's Park College, Oxford, 58; the Very Rev James Whyte, former Moderator of the General Assorbly of the Church of Scotland, 72; Lord Windlesham, 60.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Comi and Miss E.A. Busier The engagement is announced between Maurizio, son of Mr G. Conti. and the late Mrs.V. Conti, of Asti, Italy, and Elizabeth Amanda, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs R.A. Bugler, of Hawkehurch, Devon.

Mr G.F. Johnson Hough nd Miss W.E. Illingworth

The engagement is announced between Gordon, son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Johnson Houghton, of Blewbury, Oxfordshire, and Wendy, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.R. Illingworth, of Upton by Chester, Cheshire.

Mr J. Pettitt and Ms S.L. Sampe The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mrs S. eidest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Snape, of Little Challont, Buckinghamshire.

Mr H.B. Raine and Dr R.A. Beaster The engagement is announced between Henry, son of the late Mr C.S. Raine and of Mrs E. Raine, of Buckhurst Hill, Esser, and Rosalind, youngerdaughter of Dr and Mrs N.A. Benster, of Leeds.

Mr C.P. Rook and Miss H.A. Willis The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Gareth Rook of Blackrod, Lancashire, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Williams, of Arkey.

The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mr Malcolm Taylor, of Walsefield, Youkshire, and the late Mrs Taylor, and Claire, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Waters, of Charlomesville, Virginia, United States.

Mr.T. Verden: and Lady Diana Scymour

The engagement is announced between Tenothy, son of the late George Vendon and of Mrs George Vendon of Manor Farm George verticit, of inflator and Diana, daughter of the Marquess and Marchioness of Herdord, of Ragley Hall, Alcester, Warwickshire.

between Martin, younger son of Mr and Mrs P.F. Weatherilt, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and Isabelie, daughter of M and Mme R. Dejonghe, of Marseilles,

Dinners

The Speaker gave a dinner last night in Speaker's House for the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme. The guests were:

Colmbrook, the Hon Archibale Hamil-non, Mr. McLind Alexander, Mr. He Earl of Army, Mr. Zenneth Carling, Mr., Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr., Mr. Densk Poster, Mr., Mr. Mrign Jones, Mr., Mr. Martin O'Netil, MP, Dr. John Reid, MP, the Hon Tom Startville, MP, Mr. Bell Thome, Mr., Mr. Rohn Townend, MP, Mr. Cary Waller, MP, Colonet P. R. Rany, Admiral Str. Senjamin, Bathurn. P. C. Bowser General 'Str Jo

ing I tri presided

Dr Romuald Szuniewicz, Min-

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BURTHS ABRANAMS - On January 23rd 1992, to Sarah and Russell, a daughter, Zoe Elizabeth, a sister for Emma.

Elizabeth, a sister for Emma.

RARTLETT - On January
23rd, to Linda Inée Johnson)
and Gareth. a daughter.
Rhiannan Mary.

BULMER - On January 22nd.
to Marcia Rose (née Leveson Cower) and Jonathan. a son.

COULIER - On December
26th. to Mary thée Coole)
and James. a beautit daughter. Rebects Grece.

CROMIN - On January 25th
1992, at U.C.H. Bloomsbury.
to Jane (née Hockey) and Charles. a son. Chrisiopher.

FOX-ANDREWS - On

FOX-ANDREWS - On January 26th, to Rosy (nee Jenks) and Mark, a daughter, Constance Augusta, a sister

for Max and Florence.

Statism—on January 20th.

In Washington D.C., to Carol

(rife Madison) and George, 2

son, John Reginald Austin.

HALL—On January 27th, so

Satty and Chris, Ivins,

Michael and Peter, brothers

for Katle and Andrew. HEWETT - On January 21st. to Sarah (nie Jaffer) and Mark. a son, Frederic William Carfield.

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MISSAIM - On January 27th.

In The Lindo Wing. St.

Mary's, Paddington. to Usa

Inde Klemani and John. a

daughter. Holly Miss.

KENIL WORTH - On January

24th at the Humana Hospital

Wellington. to Kiki and

Randle. a son. William

Randle Stidetry.

MALTBY - On January 25th.

to Soran (née Etins, and

William. a daughter. Alice

MEAKIM - On January 24th

Diana. a stater for George.

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1992 to Penny (nèe Cooper
Smith and John. a son.
Hugo.

NOULD - On January 8th
1992 to Kandle ince
Brockhouse) and Paul, a son.
Albert Henry.

ODGERS - On January 21st.
10 Henriella ince Macdonald)
and James, a daughter.
Catriona Rose. a sister for
Letters.

OFFORD - On Wednesday January 22nd, to Elizabeth and Peter, a daughter, Cecily

son. Jack Edward. SIMPSON - On January Alexander
TAYLOR - On January 26th
1992, at Heisinid, to Anita
(side Perunanen) and Simon, a
daughter, Alyesa Gay Ema.
TAYLOR - On January 24th,
to Susanna and Rusert, a
daughter, Emily Jessica.
THILAMS - On January 0th
1992 at Hernford Hospital

MARRIAGES da PAULA:ANDERSON - On Jamesry 25th 1992 at St Mary the Virgin. Hambieden. Mary the Virgin. Hambleden. Sucks.. Hugh de Paula, of Long Spring House. Hambleden. to Mrs Cecil Anderson. widow of A.M. Anderson. of Woodville. Malpas. Cheshire.

DEATHS

BLACK - On Tuesday January 21st, peacefully at home in Melbourne, Austraina, aged 84. Lewis Bryden Loving hisband of Margaret (deceased), dearly loved 84. Lewis Bryden Loving husband of Margaret deceased, dearly loved lather of Marian, Bryden, Nerissa, Graeme and Quentin. Grandfather of 11. Funeral in Melbourne on January 30th Donations. If wished, in Marwillian Cancer Research.

Alexander. Jennwitte.
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Elizabeth, Charlotte and
Matthew, Funeral Service.
11 am. Wednesday January
29th. at Oxford Terrace
Bagsist Charch.
Christchurch. Christchurch.

Christchurch.

BAILEY - On January 22nd, suddenly and peacefully at home. John Barnford. He will be deeply missed As he wished, body densated to Medical School and private cremation to be arranged at a future date. Donations. If destred, to The World Society for Prevention of Crueity to Animals. c/o daughter, Mrs Coles. 34 Pontoise Close. Sevenoals. Kent TN13 3ET, tel: 10732) 455109.

BOYLE - On January 23rd, in Winchester. Colonel John Boyle R.A.M.C., lale of Mill Hill. Beloved brother of D'Arry.

BRANWELL - see Lowe. SHARWELL - See Love.

BUFFERY - On January 27th
1992, peacefully in his steep
at home in Cambridge.
Kenneth, F.R.L.B.A., sadly
missed by Rossilind and his
large and toving family.

Rotherham. S63 9BR.

CHEADLE - On Saturday
January 26th. Sir Eric
Cheadle, CBE, DL. aged 83,
peacefully at home. Dearest
hisband of Pameta. Devoled
father of Neville and
Michael, loving father-in-law
to Trish and Babs and loving
grandfather to Timothy.
Jeremy, Duncan. Philip and
Andrew. Service at St
Albans Abbey at 11 am on
Salurday February 191. No
flowers by request.
Donations if desired to
Runcie Appeal. Oster House
East. City Hospital 81 Albans.
Waverley Road. St Albans.
Waverley Road. St Albans.
Herts AL3 5PN.

COLE - On January 26th

Waverley Road. St Albans, Herb AL3 8PN.
COLE - On January 26th 1992. Agnes irvine, of Dorchester, Dorset, aged 77 years. Beloved wife of the late Harold, loving mother of Paul and Maureen and much loved grandmother. Fumiral Service at Fawley Parish Church, near Wantago, Oxfordshire, on Thursday January 30th at 11.30 am, followed by interment. Flowers may be sent c/o Crassby Funeral Service. 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, Dorset, by Wednesday pm, or received at the Church on Thursday, Enquiries 20: 10305) 262336.

DAVIDSON - On January

10305) 262338.

DAVIDSON - On January 23rd 1992, peacefully after a year's illness, very bravely borne. Anne Davidson. Widow of her beloved 'Dave', beloved by her sister Mary, familiy and friends, Of great character and courage, kind and generous in triendship, umfallingly elegant, she will be greatly missed Cremation at 11 am at Charing, Kent. No flowers please, but donations may be sent for the purchase of equipment for nursing care at home to Tadpole. 9 Craythorne. Tenterden, kent. TN30 65D.

INGLEBY - On January 25th.

INGLEBY - On January 25th, Catherine (Kalle), loved daughter of Dick and Diana. Funeral private, no letters please.

AYLING - On January 25th
1992, peacefully in
Christchurch, New Zealand.
Marguerite, Dearty loved
wife of Cordon Ayling, much
loved mother of Michael and
Rosemary and grandculdren,
Alexander. Jeannette,
Elizabeth, Charlotte and
Elizabeth, Charlotte and

Hetier, Idi: (0834) 33330.

DOTTRIDGE - On January
23rd, Richard Beigrove, after
suffering for many years
with Abrheimer's Disease.
Thanksgiving Service on
February 1st at 11.30 am at
8t Mary the Virgin.
Chieveley, Berishire, Family
flowers only please.
Dougnions if wiened to The
Abrheimer's Disease Society
(081 678 6667).

EVANG - On January 28th

Abhestmer's Disease Society (081 678 d857).

EVANS - On January 28th 1992, at home, Raymond John Morda, husband of the late Catherine, Much loved by all his family and held in high regard by his many heads. Funeral Service Low Friday January 31st at West Park United Reformed Church, Spen Lane, Leeds 16, followed by brivate interment. Family flowers only by request.

FARMAN - On January 28th at Paddington Community Hospital, Durothy Ellen, beloved mother of Robin and Serina and grandmother of Anthony. Harvey, Lisa. Paul, Sam and Sharron, Funeral at 12 noon on Thursday January 30th at Edgwarebury Lane, Mill Hill, No flowers please but donations. If wished, to Cancer Recentch.

FULLARTON JAMES - On

messed by Rossilind and his large and loving family.

CAREY On January 24th 1992. at home, Amyali Francis Byria, Li Comdr., 1992. and 11 am. Family Rowers only, donations if wished to the Council for Protection of Rural England (CPRE), Freepon Codditions, Rotherham, S63 9BR.

CHEADLE — On Saturday January 26th, Sir Eric Cheadle, CBE, DL, 2904 83, peacefully at home, Dearest husband of Pamela, Devoted father of Neville and Michael, loving father-in-law to Trish and Bales and loving grandiather to Timothy, Jeremy, Duncan, Phillip and Andrew, Service at St. Albans, Waverley Road, St. Albans, St. Albans, Waverley Road, St. Albans, Wave

Street Telumoush, Devon TQ14 BEA.

GEE - On January 24th 1992.
Frank Lestle of Tolurs.
Devon. Mourned by many.
Private cremation Requiem Mass in Ashprington Church near Totness, on Saturday February 1st at 11 am.
Donations if desired to Christian Aid. c/o Perring Funeral Services, 101A High Street, Totnes.

GEIDT - On January 25th.

Funeral Services. 201A High Sireet. Totnes.

GEIDT - On January 25th, peacefully after a short times in her 95th year Audrey, widow of Freddy. Dear mother of Verrall and Jeremy. Loved and loving mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and great-grandmother, aunt and great-sunt. Admired by her friends of all ages. Family funeral at Present. Herba. on Tuesday February 4th at 2pm. Service Thamksgiving in Window later. No flowers, but donations to commission a book in her name at the R.N.J.B., Talking Books. Mount Pleasant. Wembley, HAO IRR.

GEORGHIOU - On January 23rd, at \$1 Mary's Hospital. Peddington. Chrisostomos (Tony), aged 63 Beloved husband of Andriant. A cherished father and grandfather. We will miss you so much. The funeral service on Triday January 31st 12 noon at the Greek Orthodox Church. St Hicholas. Will, faillowed by burstal at Mortlake Cometery. Mortlake. Many thanks to the staff of Liniam Holland Ward.

DEATHS

Grantham, Lincotnshire.

HUNTER - On January 24th, at home. Burney, beloved husband of Jean, father of Sedley, Elizabeth and Katy and grandfather of Duscan and Selena. Funeral on January 31st at 12.30 pm, at Morttake Crematorium, Townmead Road.

Bichimond. Sorrey. Family flowers only blease, but donations if whiched, to Hammersmith Cancer Centre Appeal or Princess Alice Hospice, Esher.

JEFFERY - On Friday January

Centre Appeal or Princes
Alter Hospice. Esher.

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24th, pencelully in hospital.
Muriel Carmen insee Privefil.
Much loved wife of Arthur.
mother of Paul and
Christopher and sater of
Barbara. Fumerat, Worthing
Crematorium Monday
February 3rd at 12 noon.
Family flowers only
Donadtons if desired to
Friends of Mag Edward VII
Hospital. Middurst, Sussex.
JEMNERS - On Jenuary 26th.
peacefully in Tumbridge
Wells. Louise. Jennerly of
Wistaria. Church Street.
Chiswick Beloved mother of
Caroline and Charlotte.
Funeral Service on Friday
January 31st at 4 pm at the
Tumbridge
Crematorium. Enquiries to
E.R. Hickmost & Son. 1et.
(1892) E22462.

MEGENS - On Jenuary 26th
1992. suddenly al home.
Dorotty, aged 86. Beloved
wife of the lake Frank
Kepdins. Funeral Service at
En Mary's Church, Reshourn
on Friday January 31st at
1.45 pm. Flowers and conquiries to L.C. Weston Funeral
Directors let. (1882) 712866.

BARESSHOW - On January 25rd 24th, peacefully at Window, North May Fairlia, aged 91. wife of the late Edward F. Habershon, much loved mother grandmother and greating grandmother. Funeral on Thursday January 30th at Beading Crematorium at 12.15 gm. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, for Oreat Ormode Street Hospital for Sick Children. c/o Funeral Directors F.C. Pym. 65 Moortridge Road, Meddenhead. dt. Códoli. January 27th. David, of Dana. Michael and Elizabeth. grandfother and Elizabeth. grandfother of Polan. Dischael Elizabeth. grandfother of Polan. Julian and Carrielle, devoted brother to Joan and John and Iriend of Keetty. Fureral set of Fora. Dischael Elizabeth. grandfother of Polan. Julian and Carrielle, devoted brother to Joan and John and Iriend of Keetty. Fureral set of Fora. Dischael Elizabeth. grandfother of Polan. Julian and Carrielle, devoted brother to Joan and John and Iriend of Keetty. Fureral set of Golden Garden on Thursday January 26th. peacefully in hospital. Andrew Linches, of Aldbury and castlegar in the Courty of Galway, Fureral Service on Saturday February 1st at 12 boon. Family Howers only. Donations if desired for the Middleser. Province Massard Berthamsisch Home. Stammore, 19 foragand grandmother and greating and castlegar in the Courty of Church. Stammore and greating and the Courty of Adelbert. Stammore and Great grandmother and greating and great grandmother. The funeral great grandmother and greating and great grandmothe

tel: (081) 504-1674.

BIGMASTER - On January
25rd 1992, after a short
Ulnesa. Ronald. Futternal at
Lambeth Crematorium.
Blacishare Road. London
5W17. on January 30th et
49th.

MURAM - On January 22nd.
in Naples, Florida, Dr.
George Moran. beloved
httphogod of Perrine and
fisher of Katyaz and Director
of the Anna Froud Cedire,
Micra long and track times.
A Memorial Meeting for Dr.
Moran will be autopunced
shortly.

Mr J.D. Hughes, former principal, Ruskin College, Oxford, 65;

WALDMAN - On January 26th, searchaile at horse, Niki, Funeral today, Toesday January 28th at 5.30 pm, Colders Green Grematorism, Hoop Lone, Dopations to Multiple Sciences Society. Modifie Scientisis Society.

WOOD - On January 22nd
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Greta, father of Paul, Selina
und Johanne, beloved son of
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Luncheon Royal Over Sens League

The High Commissioner for New Zeahand and Mrs Gair were the guests of honour at a inneheon of the Royal Over-Seas League held at Over-Seas House, St mes's Sir Lawrence Byford, chairman, and members of the central council were hosts.

OBITUARIES

JOSE FERRER

Jose Ferrer, American actor and director, died on January 26 aged 80. He won an Oscar in 1951 for his performance as Cy-rano de Bergerac, a role he also played on stage and on television. Reference books contradict one another on his birth date, but it is likely that he was born on January 8, 1912, in Santurce, Puerto Rico.

TO THE public at large the name of Jose Ferrer has long conjured up two images: Cyrano de Bergerac and Toulouse Lautrec in John Huston's film Moulin Rouge. Both roles involved prodigies — and quantities — of make-up. Rostand's hero needed a nose speciacular enough for his whole life to centre upon it and Toulouse-Lautrec in Moulin Rouge required a normal-sized actor to appear about four feet tall on screen. That Ferrer succeeded memorably in both these roles gives some idea of the sort of actor he was: flamboyant, actorly, full of tricks and definitely larger than life even when spectacularly smaller.

He had a long and varied screen, career and won his Oscar despite the overall stodginess of the 1950 film version of Cyrano de Bergerac. But: he was really too bravura to be wholly at home in films, which always seemed rather to cramp his style. Curiously, when he came to direct in the theatre and cinema he was much more sober and meticulous, making good, solid stage successes and films that were interesting and sectors rather than thrillingly original

On stage he was something quine different. In the years before he became a star he gained a reputation simply for versatility and reli-ability. Once he was a headliner and his name started appearing above the title of the play he could be relied upon for fireworks. He never hesitared to try out new and newsworthy things in 1960 he sang the title role in Puccini's Glanni Schiechi at the Santa Fe Opera Festival and in 1965 he played the mime role of Dr Coppelius in the ballet Coppelia in Palm Beach.

New York when he was a child and he originally intended to be an architect. But while studying archi-tecture he discovered the pleasures of university dramatics and instantly decided that he had found his true vocation. His first professional appearance was in a showboat on Long Island in 1934. The next year . and professional association which as a starring vehicle for Ingrid continued until Logan's death. In 1935 he reached Broadway, in the humble guise of Second Policeman in A Slight Case of Murder and little costly flop. Ferrer came back west to



all-round performer. His first major success also came via Logan: He took on the title role of Brandon. Thomas's Charley's Aunt at the Court Theatre in 1940 in a revival originally intended for Walter Slezak. Ferrer himself recalled that Slezak was none too pleased with the success he had on the opening night. It was a role Ferrer revived on several subsequent occasions.

At this time he also began to direct on stage and underlined his versatility by taking over from Danny Kaye Ferrer de Otero y Cimron, son of a wealthy lawyer. The family moved to New York when he was a wealthy lawyer. The family moved to immediately afterwards playing lago to Paul Robeson's Othello. In 1946; he toured an ambitious repertory of plays starring himself, in-chiding Richard III, Cyrano de Bergerac (for the first time), and William Archer's creaking but enjoyable melodrama The Green Goddess. Later in the year he brought his Cyrano to Broadway. It seemed only

by little he was noticed as a capable the stage to take over as director of



As Cyrano de Bergerec, 1950, left; as Toulouse Lautrec in Moulin Rouge with Zsa Zsa Gabor, 1953; and during his penultimate visit to the Chichester Festival, 1988

Thomas. The Shrike was later filmed, with Ferrer again starring and directing.
On screen his career at this time

was no less rewarding. Apart from Moulin Rouge he appeared as the fallible preacher in Miss Sadie Thompson with Rita Hayworth, The Caine Mutiny and Deep In my Heart, where he played the composer Sigmund Romberg. The first film he directed was Cockleshell Heroes, in which he also starred - some thought over-prominently. Undeterred by such criticism he continued in quick succession with The Great Man, I Accuse! (Ferrer as Dreyfus), The High Cost of Loving. Return to Peyton Place and the second version of the Rodgers and

Hammerstein musical State Fair. By 1962 when he appeared in the all-star cast of Lawrence of Arabia his film career had really peaked, and though he continued to appear regularly on screen throughout the Seventies he tended to be one of many veterans playing small roles in big movies like The Greatest Story Ever Told, Ship of fools, Voyage of The Damned and The Swarm.

One of his more improbable chores was to reprise Cyrano yet again in Abel Gance's eccentric last film, Cyrano et d'Artagnan (1964); his other foreign films, of which he made many, were negligible, and among his later pictures only Billy Wilder's Fedora showed some m of distinction.

Similarly, on stage, he was seen more and more frequently touring, doing summer stock, or taking over roles like Don Quixote and Cervantes in Man of La Mancha from their originators. He seldom worked in the British theatre, but directed You



Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running in London (1968). Chichester saw his Cyrano in 1975 and he later became rather fond of the Sussex Festival, being last seen there in a musical version of Ionesco's Rhinoceros.

Ferrer was an actor held in reverence by the sort of audience that likes to see the wheels going round: with him, acting was something that not only had to be done, but had to be seen to be done. Given this limitation, his talents were wideranging, and he always remained an actor first and foremost, even when he had graduated to being a star. Personally he was liked and criticised in about equal measures.

He was married four times, his wives including the actress Uta Hagen and the singer, Rosemary Clooney of "Me and My Teddybear" fame. The first three marriages were dissolved and apparently Ferrer was not well pleased in the late Eighties to see himself portrayed by the pop singer Tony Orlando in Rosie, a television biography of Rosemary Clooney which placed most of the blame for her mental breakdown on his philandering. Two of his six children are

APPRECIATIONS

Sir Charles Villiers

YOUR otherwise full and sensitive obituary of Sir Charles Villiers erred on one point. He was, in my experience, anything but "an archetypal City figure." In 1980 I was working on

inner City regeneration prob-lems. He had become chair-man of British Steel (Industrial) Ltd., having just retired from the British Steel Corporation. As such he was encouraging, as your obitu-ary recorded, new industries to move into those areas blighted by the steel closures, and thus bring hope back to those threatened commun-

I wanted the benefit of his overview, experience and thinking. He generously offered all of that and more. He invited me to his office in Victoria. We first met on December 30, 1980,

The two-week Christman break was by then becoming, regrettably, an established feature of British commerce and industry. The area round his office was deserted; park-

ing was easy.
I was shown up to his office. There was the lone figure of Sir Charles, in his shirt sleeves, pouring over plans, analysing cash flows, wanting to exchange ideas on the urgent, and until then largely neglected, economic and social problems of the inner city and the abandoned industrial wastelands. We discussed (and subsequently visited) the innovative and exemplary St Helen's Trust and worked on schemes for financial help to small business, using the then burgeoning Enterprise Agency network.

These were not the engagements of the archetypal City figure during the Christmas and New Year holiday period, nor at any other time.

Angel Harris THE obituary of Sir Charles Villiers (January 23)

makes no mention of his continuing pro-active approach to problems he perceived. which continued beyond his retirement right into his last

In 1985 he launched the British American Project for the Successor Generation. with the support of the Royal Institution for International Affairs in London and the School for Advanced International Studies in Washington.

The objective of the project is to develop a multi-disciplinary network of personal trans-Atlantic relationships to the benefit of both ends of the traditional special relation-

The idea grew from Villiers's life-long friendship with Lewis Van Dusen of Philadelphia, with whom he remained in constant touch after they first met at Oxford 60 years ago. Both men had seen, during the second world war and afterwards, how valuablepersonal relationships could be in resolving international differences, and In ensuring the achievement of common objectives.

The project brings together for a week each year young people, prospective leaders from many fields of activity in the US and UK, to see what each can learn from the other in areas such as changing international relationships and the difficulties of building a sound multi-cultural society.

That Villiers succeeded admirably can be warmly attested by the 350 fellows - men and women from politics, business, public service, education, trades unions, the arts - of the project's first seven

Villiers remained the chairman of the project until his death: he presided at all seven annual conferences, and even in the last months was active in ensuring its future.

Stephen Waley-Cohen

Martin Grafton

MAY I add a coda by way of tribute to Colonel Martin Grafton (obituary, January 3). I was one of those who 'followed and loved him", as your writer so perceptively

I first met Martin in the summer of 1965 when I was a new recruit to the Conservative research department, responsible for housing and building matters. I acted as secretary to various Tory policy groups which he joined or

In September 1967, at his invitation, I joined the National Federation of Building Trades Employers as its first ever parliamentary liaison officer. We kept in close touch until his retirement. Martin never daimed a vast knowledge of construction. But he was a first class manager of

people. He ran an extraordinarily successful and happy unit. He also had excellent relations with the builders themselves, the members of the federation whose subscriptions paid all our salaries. He was a tough leader staff who failed to make the sideways or, if necessary, even "retired". But he was a kindiy and just man. In an organisation which had long been known for office politics, he was a universally respected and well loved figure. The construction industry has lost . fine spokesman and many of us will mourn a good

Michael Latham, MP

The concise crossword, the chess problem and the answers to Word-Watching are on page 13 of the new Life and Times section.

DAME GWEN FFRANGCON-DAVIES

the New York City Theatre Com-

pany and play for them in a reper-

tory which included Volpone, Angel

Street (the American title of Gas-

light). The Alchemist. The Long

Voyage Home and The Insect Play. Hollywood, however, was still ly-

ing in wait for him. He was soon called back to appear in three films:

as a crazed hypnotist in Whirlpool,

a sick Latin American dictator in

Crisis, and as Cyrano in Stanley

Kramer's reverent version of the

Rostand, evidently devised entirely

as a showcase for Ferrer's much

praised stage performance. After his

Oscar, he shuttled regularly between Hollywood and New York, starring

and directing.
In 1950 he had a big stage success

as the manic actor/manager in a revival of Twentleth Century and

produced and directed the dramatic

success Stalag 17 and the two-

handed comedy, The Fourposter. In 1952 he directed and starred in The

drama of a savagely vindictive wife

and the husband she drives close to

insanity. This was another of his

biggest successes, revived in reper-

tory at City Centre with Ferrer's old

favourites Cyrano, Richard III and that "Aunt" created by Brandon

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Dame Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies, DBE, actress, whose career spanned 80 years, died yesterday aged 101. Her partnership with John Gielgod in 1924 in Romeo and Juliet went into theatrical history. Nearly forty years later she was playing with Peter Hall's Royal Shakespeare Company during its first London season at the Aldwych. She was born on January 25, 1891.

made her first stage appearance as "a Fairy" in A Milsummer Night's Dream in April, 1911, and was last seen in a Sherlock Holmes television adventure just after Christmas. Her career was therefore, alongside that of Athene Seyler, the longest and most distinguished of character actresses this century and her death has brought down one of the great pillars of classical acting in our time. No one who saw the BBC television documentary of a few years ago, in which, already well into her nineties. Miss Firangeon-Davies instructed a group of teenage drama students in the art of being Juliet and, in the process, became younger than all of them, could doubt that hers was a remarkable talent. Born in London, she was

GWEN Firangeon-Davies

the daughter of a Welsh choral singer who was said to have taken the name Firangcon from a Welsh beauty spot to add to his more prosaic Davies. Early in her career she was instructed by The Times that the hyphenated result was "far too unwieldy" for theatre posters. advice she seems to have ig-nored for the remainder of the century. Her stage debut at Her Majesty's in A Midsummer Night's Dream was followed by several first world war tours in everything from Shakespeare to the operesta The Arcadians and it was as a singer that she had her earliest successes in such choral dramas as The Immortal Hourand The Birth of Arthur at the Glastonbury Festival: and later the Old Vic.





As Juliet, playing opposite Gielgud, in the 1924 Romeo and Juliet. Right, as Mary Tyrone, with Anthony Quayle, in Eugene O'Neill's Long Day's Journey into Night (Globe, 1958)

Birmingham Rep playing leading roles in J. M. Barrie's Quality Street and The Admirable Crichton, and two years later scored her first great London success creating the roles of Eve and the Newly Born in the first production of Shaw's Back to Methuselah. In 1924 she played Juliet to Gielgud's first Romeo, though their great partnership did not get off to the easiest of starts as he later

"I had seen her-in The immortal Hour and the beauty of her acting and singing enchanted me - those lovely, stylised movements of her hands and her high, clear voice seeming to belong to another world as she glided through the forest, hardly seeming to touch the ground...but the Gwen who a variety bill several months Vanne's native Johannesburg By 1921 she was at the appeared at our first Romeo later. Gwen Ffrangcon-Da- to set up the first major classi-

rehearsal was very different, wearing an old dress and a business-like overall: her face was no longer pale, and she was brisk and impulsive in her movements. As we were introduced she looked at me strangely and then said: 'Thank God.' She went on to explain that she had seen me 'as that wretched butterfly poet in The Insect Play and was appalled at the idea of my becoming her Romeo...It wasa masty shock to my vanity to find that my performance had affected her so unpleasantly."

Happily, however, they tri-

umphed as Romeo and Juliet,

not only at the Regent in

London but also, more sur-

prisingly perhaps, at the London Coliseum where they

reprised the balcony scene on

vies was to enjoy two other-great triumphs with Gielgud at ten-year intervals, as the Queen to his Richard of Bordeaux in 1932 and as Gwendolyn in his 1940 revival of The Importance of Being Earnest. Less successfully, they also starred together in a 1942 Macbeth. In the intervening years, she had also enjoyed considerable acclaim through the 1930s as Elizabeth Browning in the long-running The Barretts of Wimpole Street, where her rather long face and plaintive eyes perfectly suited the valiant spirit in the sick body of a sweet young woman. In 1942, after several war-

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time tours with Gielgud and others, she and her lifelong companion, the actress Marda Vanne, went out to founder-member of the Royal

cal theatre company in South Africa, one much admired by Noël Coward when he was out there on tour and saw them in a production of his own Blithe Spirit. Returning to England in 1947, she played the Mother in Terence Rattigan's ill-fated Adventure Story and then joined the 1950 Stratford season to play Portia, Katharine in Henry VIII, Regan, and to succeed Peggy Ashcroft as Beatrice in Much Ado. She toured extensively for the British Council before making an unusual break into comedy for Donna Lucia in the John Mills Charley's Aunt revival. At the Lyric, Hammersmith, in 1954, she was a memorable Ranevskaya in The Cherry Orchard and two years later a

Family Reunion. Again she replaced Peggy

from which she went immed-

iately into T. S. Eliot's The

Ashcroft, this time in The Chaik Garden and created Mrs Callifer in Graham Greene's The Potting Shed before her last great critical success in 1958, as Mary Tyrone in O'Neill's Long Day's Journey Into Night. This role won her the Evening Standard award for best

As well as being in at the beginning of George Devine's English Stage Company at the Royal Court, Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies was also a founder of Peter Hall's Royal Shakespeare Company, which she joined at the Aldwych in 1961 for the queens in Ondine and Becket. Two years later, well into her seventies, she made her Broadway debut as Mrs Candour in The School For Scandal and was back at the Haymarket in 1965 for The Glass Menagerie and at the Court in 1970 for Uncle

Vanya. Always a little too theatrical for great film or television success, she remained into her eighties a tower of strength on stage and when she came out of retirement in 1988 for the master class on the playing of Juliet, it was one of her asides to a young and nervous drama student that came as a breathtaking reminder of the historical tradition she represented. "Don't worry, my dear," she told her: "I know how fright-

ening this is: I had to audition as Juliet for Ellen Terry." Hers was a tough generation for classical actresses of theatrical grandeur, perhaps the toughest: all her life she had to compete for the great roles against Sybil Thorndike, Edith Evans and Peggy Ashcroft and it is arguable that they very often were the winners. Yet she retained a craggy authority and the ability to break the audience's heart on those rare moments, as when playing Mary Tyrone, when she let the facade

crack to reveal inner torment. She was created DBE last Court in their opening production, The Mulberry Bush,

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It is impossible to conjecture how many men enlisted in response to the sentiments voiced by Mr Kipling, but there must be few people whose pulse does not beat more quickly to military music whether it comes from the fife and drum or the massed bands of the Guards.

MUSIC OF WAR MR KIPLING'S

PLEA FOR BANDS Mr Rudyard Kipling delivered an interesting speech yesterday at the Mansion House at a meeting promoted by the Recruiting Bands Committee and held with the object of raising bands in the London

district as an aid to recruiting.

Mr Rudyard Kipling said: "I am not a musician, so if I speak as a barbarian I must ask you and several gentlemen on the platform here to forgive me. From the lowest point of view a few drums and fifes in the battalion means at least five extra miles in a route march, quite apart from the fact that they can swing a battalion back to quarters happy and com-posed in its mind, no matter how wer or tired its body may be. Even when there is no route marching, the mere come and go, the roll and flourishing of drams and files around the barracks is as warming and cheering as the sight of a fire in a room. A band, not necessarily a full band, but a band of a dozen brasses and wood-winds, is immensely valuable in the district where men are billeted. lt revives memories, it quickens association, it opens and unites the hearts of men more surely than any other appeal can, and in this respect it aids recruiting perhaps more than any other agency. I wonder whether I should say this — the tunes that it employs and the words that go with that tune are some-times very remote from hero-

and the compelling power is in them, and it makes men's souls realize certain truths that their minds might doubt. Further, no one, not even the adjutant, can say for certain where the soul of the battalion lives, but the expression of that soul is most often found in the

ism or devotion, but the magic

band. (Cheers.) It stands to reason that 1,200 men whose lives are pledged to each other must have some common means of expression, some common means of conveying their moods and their thoughts to themselves and their world. The band feels the moods and interprets the thoughts. A wise and sympathetic bandmaster - and the masters that I have met have been that - can lift a battalion out of depression, cheer it in sickness, and steady and recall it to itself in times of almost unendurable stress. (Cheers.) I remember in India in a cholera camp, where the men were suffering very badly, the band of the 10th Lincolns started a regimental sing-song and went on with that queer. defiant tune "The Lincolnshire Poacher". It was their regi-mental march that the men had heard a thousand times. There was nothing in it — nothing except all England, all the East Coast, all the fun and daring and horseplay of young men bucketing about big pas-tures in the moonlight. But as it was given very softly at that bad time in that terrible camp of death, it was the one thing in the world that could have restored as it did restore shaken men back to their pride, humour, and self-con-

Sir F. Bridge said that what was wanted was a band that would play good rousing march tunes such as he remembered in Rochester when the 19th Bond Forthern when the 18th Royal Irish were setting out for the Crimean War, after badly damaging six policemen the night before

With £1,000 a week they ought to have 20 good bands to provide good old times like "Tipperary," "Ninety-five", and "Rory O'More."

Maxwell: years of bogus deals

Continued from page 1 company". The discovery of the latest bogus transactions are a fur ther blow to MCC's bankers, who will suffer even greater losses on their £1.3. oillion loans than they had feared. The news could mean that MCC, in reality, made little or no profits for several years before going into liquidation last month.

Price Waterhouse investigators, led by David Lee, are concentrating on two Liechtenstein trusts, called Hesto and Corry Stiftung. Hesto carried out deals worth £71 million with MCC, while Corry bought properties for £9 million. Both are also said to have been used as fronts for the illegal attempt to support MCC's share price last year.

The accountants have also found two companies in the British Virgin Islands, called Bantry Bay and Caparra. which bought property for £24 million. They are also examining a deal between MCC and Headington Investments, Mr Maxwell's main private company, in which Headington bought property worth £20 million but never paid for it.

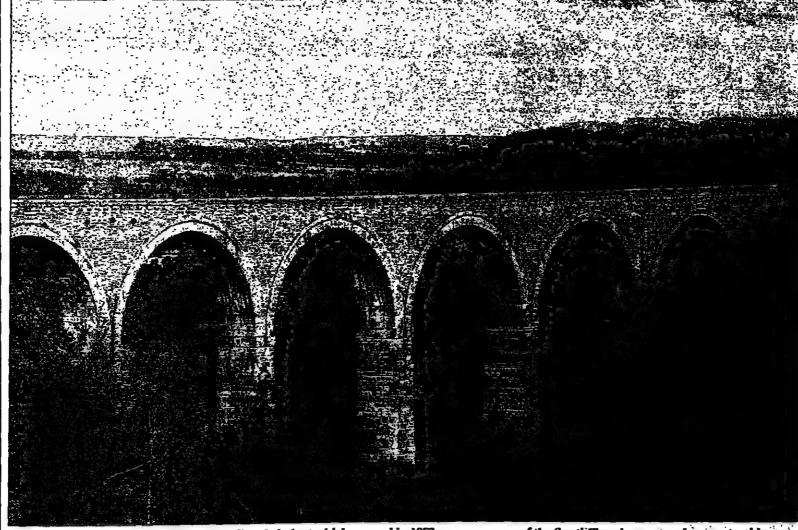
Profits from property development were a principal feature of MCC's accounts, contributing £41 million in the year to March 1990, or almost a quarter of the total E172 million.

MCC's accounts and the transactions were audited each year by Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte. The accountants are thought to have allowed the deals to be included in the accounts after seeing contracts signed by the off-shore companies in which they agreed to make deferred payments for the properties.

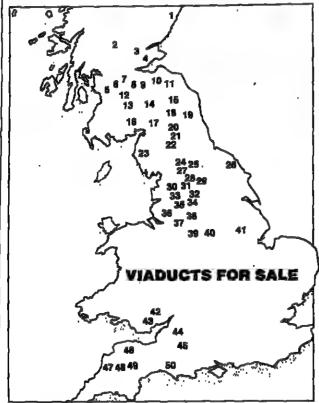
• The trustees of four Maxwell company pension funds have confirmed that they will be wound up, meaning heavy losses for an estimated 4,000 pensioners and employees.

Clay & Partners, trustee of AGB Pension Scheme, AGB Research Group Retirement Benefits Scheme, Maxwell Media Pension Plan and Directors' Pension Plan, said that they had decided to wind up the schemes following dissions with Arthur Andersen, the administrator of the companies. The four funds are thought to have been drained of cash by Maxwell.

A statement from Clay said that existing pensioners would continue to receive pensions in the short term. and would be given priority in the distribution of the remaining assets.



On the market: Lambley, a Grade II* listed viaduct which opened in 1852, spans a gorge of the South Tyne in spectacular countryside



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49 Holsworthy, 50 Cannington,

For sale at only £1 each: 50 Victorian railway viaducts

PIFTY British Rail Victorian railway viaducts have been discreetly eased on to the depressed property market for the asking price of £1 apiece. As with all such bargains. however, there is a catch.

Title to any of these splendid examples of nineteenth century railway heritage in-cludes the responsibility in perpetuity to maintain them in the manner to which they were once accustomed — an obligation which could cost their new owners hundreds of thousands of pounds.

As part of the transfer arrangements, BR is prepared to provide prospective viaduct owners with a maintenance dowry of about £70,000, which should cover repair and upkeep costs for about ten years. After that the new owners are on their own.

The sales of disused viaducts is a belated consequence of the era of the Beeching rail cuts in the 1960s. After the closure of thousands of miles of railway, BR was left holding surplus land, property, and assorted structures, which rail managers say are too much of a financial burden, particularly as many of the viaducts are 20 or 30 miles from the nearest railway. Indeed, according to RichMichael Dynes reports on how BR is saving some of its heritage at low cost to itself

ard Marks, a spokesman for the BR property board, the railway's continued responsibility for these national treasures is little short of an anachronism. "BR does not want the responsibility for maintaining the past, he said. "If these structures are to be preserved, the cost of doing so must be accepted by the community."

BR property managers have already succeeded in disposing of 24 railway viaducts, including those at Balmossie in Dundee, Drury Dam in Mansfield, and Tavistock North in Cornwall. But the disposal of the remaining 50, most of which are located in Scotland and the north of England, is going to be difficult — e cially at the height of a

Difficult, perhaps, but by no means impossible. Since the viaducts are older than any human being, they have become an integral part of the landscape: Consequently. rail enthusiasts and local communities are often reluc-

fog in places, especially over central and northern England. Some fog may linger and, where it does, temperatures will struggle to get

disrepair and thereby risk demolition — a sentiment which BR is eager to

The creation of the Northern Viaducis Trust, is one such example. The trust, established by a solicitor, a local councillor, a former banker, and a retired mechanical engineer, was created to save the beautiful Smardale Gill viaduct in Cumbrie, after falling masonry raised the spectre of demolition.

With financial help from BR, English Heritage, and other sympathetic groups, the trust succeeded in raising the £320,000 needed to carry out urgent repairs on the 14 tall sandstone arches, thereby becoming a model for similar community-based preserva-tion initiatives in the future.

The odds against preserv ing these remnants of Britain's industrial heritage may appear daunting... But the purgeoning railway preserva tion movement, the eagerness of local authorities to look after their immediate environment, and the commitment of small groups of individuals to lend a hand suggests that many of these monuments of Victorian civil engineering will remain part of the landscape for decades.

Political sketch

An invitation to meet at the tower

Why did the question arise, yesterday at Westminster, whether Chris Patten had any plans to visit Blackpool? To find out, follow me through two layers of quaint Commons rimal. Our journey will be secomplished in two paragraphs. The chairman of the Con-

servative party is not, ashe sits in Cabinet, is involved in policy, and needs (Tories maintain) a way of plugging into the smoothly serviced ministerial machme So he is appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. For a small sala-ry, an official car and limited perks, he undertakes the modest workload imposed by that ancient office. Mr. Patten is a not conte minis-ter and (every six weeks or so) answers questions in the

House.
These must in theory, relate to his Duchy duties. In practice MPs want to ask about Tory policies. So they tend to ask Mr Panen how he would respond to various political queries, if he were o visit the Ducky and one of its inhabitants were to ask him. To spring this on an unprepared Patten, your first question (which you must notify in advance) is simply whether he will visit the Duchy, or anywhere in ir. The second, "supplemen-ury" question (which you can dream up on the spot) can ask whatever you choose — as long as it's on behalf of someone he might

meet if he went there. Such a person, speaking through the medium of Dennis Skinner [Lab, Bolsover], made a brief but colourful appearance in the Chamber yesterday, it was during Mr Patten's ten Box. Would the Chancellor be visiting Blackpool, asked Skinner. "No immediate pians," replied Patten.

Ah, said Skinner, but there was somebody in Blackpool who wanted to discuss something with Mr Patten. Skinner knew him. "Ah meta fella in Blackpool an' 'e sez to me, 'e sez. When you see that Chancellor, of the Duchy. L-me mind.

Not only, e ser, is the poll tax three times igher than the rates, but, 'e sez 'Ah've lost me job, me wife 'as bin waitin' for an operation for two years, and me. daughter as lost 'er maternity grant through this Tory

sez, as lost is income support. When you see that chairman of the Tory party tell bim Ah want t' meet 'im to discuss these matters. On top-a Blackpool Tower ..." Here Skinner seemed to hesitate - wondering, per-

haps, whether to add that the man's brother had lost his arm in a meat-grinder while his grandmother had heen caten by a shark but the direct connection with Conservative policies was weakening. He sat down.
No Chancellor of the

Duchy, still less a sketchwriter, would be so impertinent as to doubt that the meeting between this unlucky man and Mr Skinner had taken place exactly as described. A straight-talking son of the Derby-shire soil like Dennis would never embroider.

And whether the hapless Blackpoolian (nobody, surely, would take a holiday in Blackpool at a time of such distress) had exaggerated his woes we shall never

The moment passed, and we heard Alistair Burt (C, Bury N) ("I was in Blackpool three weeks ago") tell Mr Patten what businessmen in the Duchy were say. ing. They were attacking Labour policy: Mr. Burt, by chance, had met a different kind of Blackpool resident from Mr Skinner's friend

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No. your sketchwriters purpose is no examine neither of these conversations, but to consider Mr Patten's rejoinder. In time, said Patten, he would doubtless remm to Blackwool, "the town: where I was born".

I never met Mr Patten's morn. To have given birth to him in Blackpool sounds like a lapse of judgment but there may be an excuse; we must not judge.

What I should really like to know, though, is whether, on May 12, 1944, as the nny, naked, Christopher Francis was placed in her arms. Mrs Patten Snr could have had the least idea that, nearly half a century later. as chairman of the Conserveriee party and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. her son would be standing at the Disparch Box in the House of Commons responding to an invitation from Dennis Skinner to meet a man; in Blackpool, on top of the Tower.

MATTHEW PARRIS

ACROSS

I Division in church is accepted by

some odd characters (6). 4 Like eventful wanderings that make one's days (8).

10 Rifle storage frame incorporat-ing a couple of poles (7). Nice setting for a Mexican painter outside Italy! (7).

12 Progressive art gave Dan the shivers (5-5). 13 Wife is with husband making will (4).

15 Excursion in which fish is

caught in rough water (4-3). 17 Possibly a coach's medium of communication (7). 19 European family group accept-ing a word of thanks (7).

21 In the future, a student's form of thinking (7).

23 Strong wind for two-thirds of the month (4). 24 Royal couple taking unusually

nice fish (10).

Solution to Parale No 18.825 WEETHEART ED ABSOLUTION E S S E D D A G I ENDPAPER NEEDLE I E S R I R DISTRESSED 27 Dismal prisoner serving bird (7). 28 Regular payments? One way to

29 Inclination to retain one of three basic skills in education (8). 30 Proxy generously carrying part

I Contemptuous society as found in the far north (9).

2 Way to understand medieval guild's report of proceedings (7). 3 Tall sentry, dreadfully slipshod

5 Adventurer was upset about a communist's intrusion (9). 6 Rescue husband (4). 7 Mournful supporter in English Lac (7).

8 In Wales it's undiluted and hot 9 Bird soaring when seen around our realm (4). 14 Party man in cold buffet having a

gossip (10). 16 Writer wearing women's clothes is an old Welsh prince (9). Free from ignorance, though carrying little weight in some

quarters (9). Old square in the time of Miss Durbeyfield? (7). 22 A barrier to fulmination (7).

23 Russian writer of the lively Left Merlin's refuge? (4). Propose to build a lot of industrial machinery (4).

> The Concise crossword is ou Life & Times 13

WORD WATERING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definit are correct? By Philip Howard

ADVERTORIAL

a. A dishonest advertise

b. Characterised by core

c. Turning one's back FOURRAGERE a. A cavalry forage: b. A shoulder ornan c. A baker's maid MAUGH a. A bruther-in-low b. Scottish market garden compost c. To laugh mockingly a. With shaggy hide b. Concession: that's yours c. The Tasmanian Devil

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much above freezing. Most places, though, will brighten up and see some sun. Northwest Scotland will be less cold but cloudier. with some drizzle at times. The cloud will spread slowly southwards during the day. Outlook: Remaining cold but mostly dry. Fog and frost evening and early morning.

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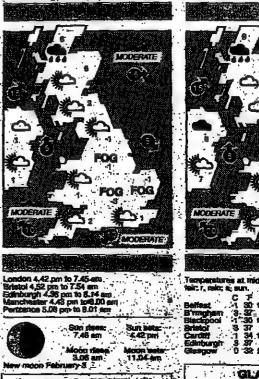
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Improved figures bring mixed reaction

Trade deficit narrows to five-year low

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

A SMALLER than expected deficit in December helped narrow Britain's balance of payments deficit for 1991 to £5.8 billion, the lowest for five years, according to gov-ernment figures. The defi-cit for 1990 was £15.2

Although last year's figure was better than the £6.5 billion shortfall Norman Lamont. the Chancellor, predicted in his autumn statement. City economists had mixed feelings about the im-provement. Given the depth of recession, the persistence of a deficit continues to cause concern, as recovery is expected to fuel demand for imports. In the 1981-2 recession, the current account moved back into surplus, as imports were braked sharply. Last year, the only month to show a surplus was June.

Analysts were, however, encouraged by the strong performance of exports last year, despite recession or slowdown in key markets overseas. In December and the final quarports, excluding oil and erratic items, such as gems, ships and aircraft, were at a record. Fears that the pound had entered the exchangerate mechanism at too high a rate, thereby hampering exports, appear unfounded

The current account, which comprises trade in visible and invisible goods, such as banking, insurance and travel, recorded a seasonally-adjusted deficit of £388 million in December, down from £630 million in November. The visible trade deficit also narrowed to £688 million from £930 million, while the estimated monthly surplus on invisibles was unchanged at £300 million. The invisibles surplus for the year was £4.2 billion against £3.5 billion in 1990.

Despite the strong export performance, the current account deficit widened in the final quarter to £1.58 billion from £1.34 billion. Government and City forecasts ex-pect further widening this year as the economy recovers. The Treasury has forecast a 1992 deficit of £9.5 billion, but this is likely to be revised in the Budget in March.

Gordon Brown, the shadow trade and industry spokes-

Germany's bank workers to hold ballot on strike

BY WOLFGANG MUNCHAU

GERMANY'S banking es. In particular, it could en-pulon is to hold a strike ballot courage OTV, the public this week in support of a 10.5 per cent pay demand. The ision marks an escalation of industrial strife in the country and increases fears over the economy and interest

The ballot, by the DAG cierical employees' union, will be the second this week. Voting on strike action by steelworkers opened on Sunday and initial polls suggest that there is an overwhelming majority for a stoppage."

DAG, one of two unions representing banking employees, said it would target 250 key branches, especially those of Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Bank and Commerzbank, Germany's three most prominent banks.

It is possible that the employers might react with an industry-wide lock-out. A union official said yesterday that he was confident that the 70 per cent vote needed for a

strike would be achieved. Apart from a 10.5 per cent pay rise, DAG is demanding reduced working hours; the banks are offering pay rises of less than 5 per cent. The DAG justifies its claim by pointing to the banks' record

profits last year. A vote for a strike by bank employees is likely to have serious implications for the present wage round in other non-manufacturing business-

courage OTV, the public sector union, to follow suit. The retail and wholesale industry, with more than 4 million employees, could also be

The increasing likelihood of industrial action in Ger-many comes amid growing concern over interest rates. Strikes are likely to reaffirm the Bundesbank's tough policy and reduce the chances of an early reduction in rates. The unions argue that their claims are a direct result of the government's imposition of high taxes to finance unifi-

CELTION. On the second day of the steel strike ballot, there were indications that steelworkers strongly back strike action. IG Metall, the metalworkers' union, said it expected more than 90 per cent support from workers at the Hoesch

steel plant in Dortmund. ☐ IG Metall said more than 7,000 jobs were at risk at eastern Germany's largest steel plant, because potential buyers refused to pledge the necessary investments. There are several suitors for EKO Stahl but none is prepared to invest DM1 billion in a new rolling mill. EKO Stahl's management is known to favour Krupp, the western German steel group, but Krupp insists that the government will have to carry the bulk of

est since 1983 and compared with an £11.4 billion shortfall in 1990. Michael Saunders, economist at Salomon Brothers, said it was "very encouraging" to see how well overall exports were holding up. Ex-cluding oil and erratic items.

man, highlighted the £3.5 billion deficit on trade in manufactured goods last year, particularly the widening in the final quarter. The deficit on manufactures last

year was, however, the small-

the volume of exports in the final quarter was 2.5 per cent up on the previous quarter and 4 per cent up on the final quarter of 1990. Exports of food and beverages, mainly whisky, showed a sharp pickup.Ian Harnett, chief economist at Strauss Turnbull, volced concern about the rising level of imports. Import volumes, excluding oil and erratics, rose I per cent in the latest quarter. But the government is

rising imports as evidence of increased domestic activity. Exports to the European Community, which takes nearly 60 per cent of British exports, increased to £59.5 billion last year from £55.1 billion in 1990, while imports fell to £61.4 billion from £65.9 billion.

☐ The stock market drew comfort from the Conservative party's improved show-ing in the opinion polls with share prices making a confi-

trading account.
The FT-SE 100 index closed below its best of the day after a hesitant start to trading on Wall Street, although dealers expressed satisfaction with the market's overall performance. The index finished 29.5 higher at 2,539.9, hav ing been more than 37 points ahead. Turnover was low, with 448 million shares changing hands and much of the institutions' attention focased on utilities and leading

сопраліся. ☐ The dollar rose sharply in the absence of a clear message on exchange rates from the Group of Seven meeting at the weekend, amid market fears for the mark arising from German strike threats and reports that Boris Yeltsin, the Russian presi-dent, is ill.

The G7 finance ministers and central bankers had been expected to give a clear signal to strengthen the ven to try to reduce Japan's trade surplus.

The pound lost more than 2.5 cents against the dollar to close at \$1.7790, but otherwise had a good day, buoyed within the exchange-rate mechanism by the Conservatives' lead in the opinion polls and the trade figures. Sterling remained at the bottom of the ERM, but advanced nearly half a plennig against the weaker mark. The dollar climbed 2.60 pfennigs to DM 1.6155.

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On the right tracks: Sir Bob Reid, the BR chairman, who yesterday said a quality railway was his target

Lloyd's 'to continue losses in 1991'

BY JONATHAN PRYNN PROVISIONAL projections of Lloyd's of London's performance in 1991, due out tornorrow, are expected to show far bigger losses than had been expected.

Most observers of the mar-ket had been expecting 1991 to be a break-even year, or at worst show a small loss. However, leaked figures from thought to show projected losses of about £800 million. These have to be treated with caution, however, because the 1991 account is not due to close for two years, and because the basis of Charser's calculations is not yet known. Chatset would not comment

on the figures yesterday.

A substantial loss for 1991 would be a major blow to the market, which had been hoping to see the first signs of an improvement after three disastrous years. In 1988, the last year for which official figures are available, Lloyd's made a loss of £510 million. However, 1989 is likely to produce a loss of between £1 billion and £1.5 billion with a similar loss expected for 1990. The 1991 account saw rising premium rates but three heavy catastrophe losses towards the year end in Japan, Canada and California marred what was shaping up to be the best year since 1987.

The Gooda Walker Action Group, which represents more than 1,000 names on the four heavily loss-making Gooda Walker syndicates at Lloyd's, will decide next week whether to advise members not to pay a £101 million cash call, which falls due on March 2. Alfred Doll-Steinberg, the chairman of the Action Group, said no decision would be taken until after a meeting on Thursday with GW Run-Off, the company that now manages the syndicates. He is also meeting a group of Conservative backbench MPs tomorrow night

Wanless to head **NatWest Markets**

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

NATIONAL Westminster Bank has overhauled its internal structure to create a division to handle its largest corporate customers and County NatWest, its securities subsidiary.

Two new deputy chief executives have been appointed, Derek Wanless and Bern Morris. Mr Wanless now becomes favourite contender to succeed Tom Frost, NatWest's chief executive, who retires next year.

Mr Wanless will head a division called NatWest Markets (NWM), which will take in the existing corporate banking, treasury and investment banking operations. The division will have £3 billion capital - more than a

third of the entire group. Mr Wanless said the businesses had been brought together to speed their develop-ment. "We have three operating units with a common

customer base and the time is right to bring them into one group and capitalise on their

Nevertheless, Mr Wanless will have to contend with a series of problems in his new job. NatWest's investment banking operations are still recovering from a £49 million loss in 1990 while the corporate banking business is reeling from a series of massive bad debt provisions and the collapse of the Maxwell businesses to which it was a lead-

ing lender. The appointment is the latest stage in Mr Wanless's rapid advance through the bank. Aged 44, he was previously chief executive of the UK Financial Services, and was appointed to the main board only last summer.

Mr Morris will remain as head of National Westminster's support services operations.

Reid sees decade of **BR** change

By DEREK HARRIS

PRIVATISATION of British Rail under a Conservative government would make no difference to the challenges its management faces Sir Bob Reid, the BR chairman, said in London yesterday.

BR had achieved successes but much remained to be done. He said: "One way or another we are going to see a lot more changes in the coming decade. Change will keep on coming, whether of ur own makme of ime in one way or another from the outside.

He went on: "I am not talking privatisation at all. My theme is much wider than that." Whatever changes came on rail ownership, the tasks before BR's management were the same. A quality railway is Sir Bob's target. That would make it a safe railway. It also needed to be a customercentred railway.

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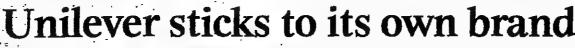
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BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

NEW king of the brandlines at Umlever, the Anglo-Dutch food and household products group, is Michael Perry: the 57-year-old vice-chairman is to become chairman when Sir Michael Angus retires in

Mr Perry, who is largely unknown outside the indus-try, will find himself in charge of Unilever's several hundred product lines which include Blue Band and Flora margarine, Brooke Bond tea, Oxo cubes, Bird's Eye ready meals and Fray Bentos pies in the food division alone. Under his care will be Persil Surf, Radion, Com-

fort, Lux, Lifebuoy, Shield, Jif, Signal, Pears, Vaseline,

Timotei and Sunsilk, not to

mention a speciality chemi-



Perry: company man tares of plantations throughout the world.

Few newly appointed chairmen would be undawnted by taking on a job of this magnitude but Mr Perry has cals division and an agribusi-ness that has 80,000 hec-is a Unilever man through

group as a management trainee in 1957 after King William's College, Isle of Man, and St John's, Oxford. The second advantage is that he will not be doing the job on his own. At the top of Unilever is a triumvirate, the special committee, made up of the British chairman, the Dutch chairman and a third man. Flors Maljers, is the

current Dutch chairman and

Mr Perry has been the third man since May 1991. Although Mr Perry has a much lower profile than Sir Michael, those who know him say he is every bit as able. While Sir Michael made his name in North America. Mr Perry is a Japa-nese expert and has done much to build up Unilever in the Far East. He chaired the

Opportunity Japan initiative for the trade department in

1991 and launched Priority

has a wide experience of international markets having headed Unilever's subsidiaries in Thailand, Argentina and Japan before joining UAC International, which oversees many of the group's African operations from

to talk about the losses

In September 1989, Mr Perry was made responsible for Unilever's personal products division in America. He took the group upmarket by acquiring Calvin Klein. Fabergé and Elizabeth Arden, the cosmetics groups, for more than £1 billion. The deals brought the Chlöe, Fendi, Brut and Lagerfeld brand names to the group's portfolio.

Morris Tabaksblat, chairman of the foods executive, becomes a vice-chairman of Unilever and is co-opted on to the special committee as

Building job losses to reach 250,000

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

SIXTY per cent of construction companies are planning further job cuts by the end of March as firms struggle to come to terms with a continued slide in orders and output. Job losses in the building trades are now virtually certain to top 250,000 by the middle of this year, according to the latest state-of-trade enquiry from the Building Employers' Confederation.

The survey, completed in December, shows a further sharp decline in construction output during the final quarter of 1991. Total construction output in Britain last year is now estimated to have

According to the BEC, output is likely to fall about 5 per

Protest at change in company taxation

By NEIL BENNETT

ACCOUNTANTS are complaining about a change in taxation methods, which they say could cost British companies millions of pounds

Robson Rhodes, the accountancy firm, says that the Inland Revenue has started barring companies from using previously acceptable methods of reducing their advance corporation tax (ACT) payments. In one case, this has ended with one of its clients facing an additional £2 million tax demand.

Many of Britain's largest companies have suffered from high ACT payments, including Hanson, BTR and Standard Chartered Bank All could be affected by

The dispute has arisen over the use of inter-group dividend payments. Until recently, it had been common practice for subsidiaries to make dividend payments to their parent company and pay ACT on them. The parent company could then reclaim the tax or use it to offset its own ACT on its dividends to shareholders.

Inland Revenue inspectors. however, have now invoked anti-tax avoidance laws and denounced inter-group dividends as abnormal payments. Bill Docherty, a tax partner at Rhodes, said the firm has had to deal with several disputes in the past three months.

He said: "This is a wellestablished procedure and the majority of well-run groups have been employing it. We are very puzzled by what the Inland Revenue is doing."

A spokeswoman for the Inland Revenue said she was not aware of any change in policy and could not comment on



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show dearly that 1992 will again be a very tough year for the construction industry". In addition to the high rate of iob losses, "bankruptcies are are still rising alarmingly and our training programmes are being shot to pieces". Mr Smith cautioned ag-

ainst premature enthusiasm about the order outlook. He said: "It is important to understand that it will be some time before these improvement are reflected in increased construction output."

The final-quarter results also show that a third-quarter upturn in output in the North, the Midlands and London quickly fizzled out. In all, two-thirds of firms

reported a fall in output between the third and fourth quarters of last year. According to the BEC, one building firm in five is now working at less than half capacity. Com-panies are also absorbing inflationary increases in building material prices when making their bids for work. suggesting that their profit margins will continue to decline as they battle for

The hardest-hit sectors during the final quarter were public non-housing work and repairs and maintenance. The BEC said local authorities were cutting back on contracts because of difficulty in collecting the community

Overall, however, construction of shops and offices has been reduced most sharply. down 17 per cent last year after a 25 per cent decline

during 1990. Private industrial output, although down just 4 per cent

during 1991, is expected to slide badly this year and next pecause of poor demand for factories and warehouses. and as the Channel tunnel, Europe's biggest construction project, nears completion.

The BEC said anecdotal evidence from housebuilders suggested that the temporary suspension of stamp duty on most houses until August, by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, had contributed to a slight pick-up in the housing

However, housebuilders reported that electoral uncertainty, fears of unemployment and continued falls in house prices continue to over-



Heads together: Jacques Delors wants European co-ordination of research

Delors calls for R&D funding

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

JACQUES Deiors, European Commission president, wants research and development funding made a high priority as EC industries try to overcome Japanese and American competitors.

M Delors, normally careful to avoid the debate over an EC industrial policy, made his remarks at an impromptu oress conference yesterday He said: "We have to be able to adapt to a constantly changing world. We have to be able to help our European companies, to help their research and development."

In particular, the commis-

sion president singled out the pan-European Eureka research programme, which coordinates industrial research between companies in 19 countries, including the EC, the European Free Trade Association and Turkey. M Delors said: "We have to be able to redirect programmes like Eureka.

RELMEET 1200 the 19 governments pumped £5.8 billion into Eureka, which has pioneered research into projects of benefit to the entire continent, such as traffic management systems. Industrial policy has always been a contentious issue with the British government, which wanted no mention of it in the Maastricht treaty. although an industrial clause was eventually added.
British officials yesterday

gave a cautious welcome to M Delors' new-found enthusiasm for R&D, but emphasised that money should breaking research. very keen on things like Eureks, but we're not interesting in investing in companies that are trying to do now what they should have done five years ago," one said.

Outhwaite 'held a tiger by the tail'

LIOYD'S deputy chairman told the High Court yesterday that Richard Outhwaite, an underwriter, was "holding a tiger by the tail" when he took on asbestos-related risks that lost his names £260 million.

Richard Hazell admitted that Mr Outhwaite and others, including himself, had used "unsound methodology to calculate their potential asbestos liability.

The losses arose after Mr Outhwaite, aged 56, took on 32 excess-of-loss reinsurance contracts covering American asbestos producers in 1981 and 1982.

An action group of 987 names is suing the Outhwaite agency and 81 members' agencies for £150 million. The group, which includes Edward Heath, Virginia Wade, Tony Jacklin and Rocco Forte, claim that negligence and breach of contract resulted in the record losses.

Under cross-examination, Mr Hazell told the court that syndicates had failed to predict the flood of asbestos claims hitting the market in the early Eighties. Consequently, underwriters had calculated their potential as-bestos risks on the basis of

Anthony Boswood, QC, the names' counsel, said: "Asbestos was plainly a new phenomenon ... was to a lesser or greater extent serious and was affecting old years of US casualty accounts.

"How could it be a sound methodology in relation to as-bestos, which everyone agreed was a new phenomenon in which the past could not be regarded as a guide to the future?

Mr Hazell replied: "Be-cause none of us recognised how big the problem was. I strongly suspect no meaning-ful projection of any claims at that time would have been possible because we did not know the extent of the problem. At the time we had to close our year of account, we had no knowledge that we were, as has been said, hold-

ing a tiger by the tail."

Mr Boswood questioned how Mr Outhwaite, Mr Hazell and other underwriters. could have had the "remotest degree of confidence" in their ssment of future asbestos payouts and how much to

Mr Hazell, an underwriter with 43 years' experience, replied: "With hindsight, you are absolutely right, but at the time we believed we had got it reserved for.".

The case continues.

Willis Corroon buys

50% stake in UTA WILLIS Corroon, the insurance broking group, has bought a half stake in UTA, one of Italy's largest brokers. The deal almost completes Willis's goal of expanding throughout the

European Community.

Willis is thought to have paid between £5-million and £10 million for the stake in UTA, which last year handled retail insurance premiums of 77 billion lire (£36 million) and insurance premiums of 77 billion lire (£36 million) and earned fees of L8.3 billion. The firm is based in Turin, with offices throughout northern Italy. Since its merger with Corroon & Black in 1990, Willis has rapidly built a European broking network and is now represented in every EC country except Germany. The group is said to be close to signing a deal to buy a stake in a German broker to complete.

Dale back in black

DALE Electric International, the Yorkshire power and lighting group, is back in the black, with first-half pre-tax profits of £497,000 (£197,000 loss). Sir Tom McDonald, chairman, said every company in the group had reported an operating profit. The strength of Dale's export markets meant the group was resilient in recession. He described trading conditions, however, as "still difficult". The best performance came from the company's generating set and battery-based power system divisions, while aerospace suffered from the combined effects of recession and the Gulf war. The interim dividend was unchanged at 2p.

Aukett profit slumps

Aukett Associates, the architectural and design group, to limit the decline in turnover to 12 per cent in the year to limit the decline in turnover to 12 per cent in the year to September 30. The fall, to £15.6 million, compares with an average 40 per cent drop in architects turnover, according to a recent survey. However, pre-tax profits slumped from £1.8 million to £360,000 after a £700,000 exceptional provision for reduced valuation of property. The final dividend is 0.5p (2.75p), making 1.75p (4.25p) for the year. The directors, who have 41 per cent of the ordinary share capital, are waiving their entitlement to the final dividend.

Armour lifts payout

ARMOUR Trust, the automotive accessories to confection ery group, is recommending an improved interim dividend of 0.315p (0.3p), despite a fall in first-half profits. The pretax figure slipped from £966,000 to £905,000 in the six months to October 31, reflecting increased interest charges. Turnover climbed from £10.9 million to £11.3 million. Andrew Balcombe, chairman, said margins were being maintained, and automotive and confectionery sales were ahead of last year. Costs continued to be reduced. Gearing was trimmed to 38 per cent, down from 50 per cent a year earlier. Earnings dipped to 2.2p (2.36p) per share.

TR asset value slips

TR Smaller Companies Investment Trust said net asse value was 148.8p-a share at the end of its first half on value was 148.69-a snare at the end of its first half on November 30, down from 150.2p six months earlier. The 0.9 per cent decline compared with a fall of 2.7 per cent in the FTA All-Share Index over the same period. Earnings were 2.02p a share, compared with 2.56p in the first half of the previous year. The invertin dividend is held at 1.5p a share. Revenue before taxation fall from 66.2 million to 65.01 million; bricome from investments declined from 55.01 million: Income from investments declined from 58.08 million to 57.19 million, reflecting lower dividend

Total advances 41%

TOTAL, the French oil company, said net auributable profits rose 41 per cent to Fr5.8 billion last year from Fr4.1 billion in 1990. In the first quarter, margins were swollen as a result of tensions over the Gulf war, but the year ended with oil prices at low levels, resulting in stock losses. The company produced 10 per cent more oil and gas last year than a year earlier, and its reserves outside the Middle East grew 15 per cent. About 75 million tonnes of crude oil were sold; a rise of 13 per cent. Product sales were up 8 per cent to 62 million tonnes. Total has proposed a four-for-one stock split to take effect from February 10.

Offer rules on deposits

ELECTRICITY users who are made to pay deposits to suppliers before being connected should be given a clear explanation why, the Office of Electricity Regulation (Offer), ruled. Offer's ruling was issued at the request of four business customers who had been required to provide so called security deposits before being supplied. Tony Boorman, Offer's consumer affairs director, said customers should be told why deposits were needed and how they were fixed. Deposits should be returned once there was no longer a risk of default. Two of the companies concerned had defaulted on payments more than once

3i helps unquoted firms raise funds and would normally expect to

By Jonathan Prynn

A FUND-raising scheme for unquoted companies has been launched by 3l, the investment capital group. The group claims the scheme will enable unquoted companies to raise much needed equity finance through issues of new shares to existing share-

The product is being marketed as a "rights issue" for unquoted companies, although it differs from the traditional stock market rights issue in a number of

respects. Up to now, the only substantial source of outside equity capital available to small, private companies has been through development capital investments by venture capital investments.

However, these normally involve the venture capitalist diluting the shareholdings of other shareholders and takng a board seat.

Many entrepreneur and family-controlled companies have been reluctant to do this. because of the fear of losing control of their companies. and have tended to finance

themselves through debt. 3i has calculated that at least 10,000 privately owned companies could benefit from this form of rights issue. A recent survey of Britain's 120,000 private companies showed that their average gearing ratio was more than 100 per cent in 1989. 3i said it would be targeting "growth orientated companies which are basically sound but wish to

replace debt with equity". Charles Richardson, of 31's Manchester office, said that 3i would price, arrange and underwrite the issue of shares

end up with a stake in the company concerned through some shareholder not taking up their share allotments However, the issue would be structured so that 31's stake could not increase above 50 per cent and would rarely go above 40 per cent, he said. Unlike quoted company

rights issues, the shares would be issued at full value, so there would be no value attached to the "rights" and 3i would not provide a secondary market facility for the

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British Rail chief backs Major on citizen's charter

By DEREK HARRIS

BRITISH Rail faces the same challenges whether or not it is privatised, Sir Bob Reid. chairman, told a conference in London. He admitted that at BR, despite successes, much remains to be done".

Sir Bob spoke after John Major, the prime minister, had told the conference of his plans to strengthen the citizen's charter. BR, Sir Bob said, had been tackling the challenge of change since 1988 with a Quality Through People programme. He had carried forward that initiative after becoming full-time chairman in 1990.

A new leature of change is the rapid rise in customer expectations," Sir Bob said. We know that our customers' expectations rise faster than our performance. We also know that even in a recession, people are looking for quality as well as price competitiveness." The prime

group that 18 months ago.

ooked close to financial col-

lapse, has signed a £50 mil-

lion five-year unsecured

revolving credit agreement

that gives it extra long-term

security. The facility replaces

the existing three-year ar-

rangement, signed in Nov-ember 1990.

In August 1990, the group

Lonrho to

sell stake

in MAN

trading conglomerate, is sell-ing its interest in the MAN

truck importing business in Britain to MAN Nutzfahr-

zeuge for £20 million. Last

week it sold its 50 per cent

stake in Kühne & Nagel, a

German freight group.
Robert Dunlop, deputy
chairman, said funds could

be better deployed elsewhere.

Lonrho last week shocked the

City by announcing sharply

lower pre-tax profits in 1991

and cutting the final dividend

Wellcome sale

Wellcome, the pharmaceuti-cals group, has sold its envi-ronmental health division,

which makes pesticides for

healthcare-related use, for

£43 million. The buyer is

Roussel Uclas, the French

chemicals business. The divi-

sion, which operates in 18

countries, had sales of £84

million in the last financial

Zigomala slips

Stavert Zigomala, the Man-

chester investment to furni-

wholesaling group, reported

a fall in pre-tax profits from

£33,567 to £23,623 in the

half year to September 30.

Turnover edged up slightly, from £372,678 to £384,347.

As usual, there is no interim

Howden order

Howden, the engineering group, has won a \$121 mil-

lion order for boiler fans and

air heaters as part of a \$770

million contract for a power plant at Arak, Iran. Delivery

starts in the second half of

1993 and will take two years

to complete.

retailing and

from 8p to 5p.

minister's charter enshrined the sort of expectations BR customers had, he added. BR had to meet the complex demands of its customers on safety, reliability, efficiency and environment.

Sir Bob said his vision of BR was of a quality organisation delivering a quality product and of a thriving industry contributing to the prosperity of the nation. He would not be drawn on privatisation, saying that whether or not the ownership of BR changed, its management's tasks remained the same.

Its safety programme was about quality leading on to safety and was an issue for all staff. Sir Bob said: "Our aim is zero accidents and we will achieve that by concentrating on the human factors ... A quality railway will, by definition, be a safe railway, but a safe railway is not necessarily a quality railway." The trage-

Laura Ashley signs

£50m credit facility

By.GILLIAN BOWDITCH

LAURA Ashley, the retail on a thread as its 25 bankers

dy of the 1988 Clapham disaster, on the one hand. and the bitterness of the 1989 strike, on the other, had driven BR to question what its management was about. If the quality programme had not been there, BR would have been forced to invent it, Sir Bob said.

BR in the Eighties had learned to control and reduce costs, yet something was missing. Reliability. cleanliness and information for the customer had remained deficient, particularly in certain places and at certain times. Staff morale was low. Sir Bob added: "We were not getting it sufficiently right. Sometimes we were getting it badly

tion where we were content to accept some margin of error to one where we get it right first time. Running a railway was "ferociously complicat-

Sir Bob believed the vision and the values were now in place but he added: "Much remains to be done. The organisational structure is high on the list." That meant matching staff numbers and skills to the task in hand.

Under-resourcing a project should not be confused with having a lean, mean organisation, he said, and added: "Exhausting our people, frustrating their best efforts and failing to recognise the limitations we have placed in their way is plain poor management. We have to ensure that

Andrew Higginson, the fimist Conferences.

BT brings figures

BT has brought forward the ter figures to Thursday to allow the telecommunicaas the first salvo in the review of BT's pricing regime, which tightening of the amount by which the group is allowed to raise prices. BT is currently only allowed to increase prices by the rate of inflation

land stepped in and helped sort out the problems. In November of the same year, the balance sheet was further strengthened by the sale of a 15 per cent stake in the company to Aeon, the Japanese group, for £29 million. The new £50 million credit has been signed by a core group of seven banks, and

were unable to agree its refi-nancing. The Bank of Eng-

although it makes borrowing slightly more expensive for the group in the short term, the interest rate comes down as the group's performance improves.
The facility has a spread of

rates ranging from 0.75 points above the London interbank offered rate to 1:25 points above Libor and it transfers short-term debt into

nance director, said: "This represents our banks endorsement of the longer-term plans for the group. The fact that we have been able to arrange five year funding in the current financial markets, and given the general state of the retail sector, is a strong vote of confidence.

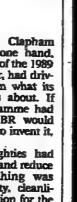
Laura Ashley's shares rose 2p to 89p.

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armouncement of third-quartions group fullest scope in its forthcoming battle with Oftel, the industry regulator. Oftel will on Thursday publish a consultative document analysts believe could lead to minus 6.25 per cent, but

profits have still rocketed

The date of third-quarter figures was brought forward. from February 11 because of publication of the consultative document. Under the previous timescale. BT would be precluded by stock market rules from commenting on profit implications of the



Excalibur

charter

airline

launched

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

AIR CORRESPONDENT

EXCALIBUR, Britain's new-

est charter airline, was for-maily launched yesterday with the claim that it will be a success despite the recession

and the planned use of Airbus

A320 twin-engined jets simi-

lar to the one that crashed in

The airline is backed by 3i

and Air Malta, which each

Already all 500,000 seats

available on three leased A320s during the summer to

take package holidaymakers to the eathern Mediterranean

have been sold, it is claimed.

The airline's managing di-

rector is Bob O'Donnell, who

buyout of the remaining Brit-

ish assets of the collapsed

Trans European Airways. He and four other former direc-

tors of TEA, the British charter arm of the failed

Belgian airline, hold the rest

Mr O'Donnell said yester-

day: "British businessmen typically invest only when the

market is at its peak. I can't say that is where the airline industry is today. I am confi-dent, however, that the mar-

ket is about to enter a period

of sustained growth and that

we will see an upsurge in holiday bookings. The timing is, therefore, right. We have

no doubt about the integrity

of the aircraft and we antici

pate that the A320 itself will be completely exonerated in the accident investigation."

It is the first time the A320

has been used by a British airline on holiday charter

flights and the new company

hopes the aircraft's longer range and low operating costs, together with greater leg room for its 174 seats, will

provide them with a distinct

advantage in the battle for

contracts from small, high-

Although the Civil Aviation

Authority has yet to give the

airline its licence to operate,

the airline to fly to destina-

tions out of range of many

charter jets. By concentrating on high-yielding business, such as flights to Luxor in Egypt, the airline hopes to be

profitable from the start.

no problems are expected The longer range of the A320 will, it is hoped, enable

quality tour operators.

of the shares.

have a 30 per cent stake.

Prance last week.

Behaviour in the organisation was changing, he said. We are moving from a situa-

it does not happen."

Vocational competence was also needed. It had been ne-glected but BR was keen to build ladders of opportunity for the workforce on vocational qualification lines. It would confer more workforce mobility, of both managers and staff, and give scope for talent

Making change work in BR in the past ten years had been "one of the great corporate management challenges

The conference, on manage ing change in privatised industries and the public sector. was organised by The Econo-

Sir John Egan, chief executive of BAA, the former British Airports Authority, told the conference the company had for the time being rejected diversification as it met increased international competition and change on dutyfree shopping.

His priorities were to see existing airports managed efficiently, with improved productivity and better quality of service. Retailing, especially, had to be improved, with initiatives such as the money back guarantee should an airport shop price be higher than the high street price.

Sir John said his company was in the business of satisfying its customers: the travellers who bought in airport shops (BAA's biggest single source of revenue) and the airlines that paid fees to use



Egan: priorities

Opposition mounts to Volvo merger

FROM DAVID BARTAL IN STOCKHOLM

PLANS by Volvo, the Swedish car and truck manufacturer, to merge with Procordia, the foods and pharmaceutical company, to create a conglomerate with combined assets of SKr131 billion (£12.5 billion) faced mounting opposition from the Swedish government and the financial community.

The government's privarisation commission is expected to reject the deal, clearing the way for a battle between Volvo and the government.

On Saturday, Pehr G Gyl-lenhummar, Volvo chairman, said that in the event of government opposition the merger could still be completed. The Swedish Shareholders' Association has advised Prothe deal. The Swedish state - share equity]. and Volvo each control 42.7 per cent of the votes in

Procordia. The fate of the Skr38.7 billion deal, the largest in the country's history, could be determined on May 12, at the Procordia share-

High hopes: Albert Mizzi, Air Malta chairman, Bob O'Donnell, and Stephen Ross, 3i's investment director

holders' meeting. Stig Malm, head of LO, the blue collar union, said at the weekend that the plan to link Volvo and Procordia was precipitated by a Skr10 billion bid by British-American Tobacco for Swedish Tobacco, a Procordia subsidiary.

Per Westerberg, the minister of industry and commerce, has not said if he favours the merger, but is apparently ready for a fight: Even if the deal goes through, the Swedish state will still be the largest and totally dominant owner of Volvo [with 25.6 per cent of

L&G sheds 40% of property premiums

By Neil Bennett

LEGAL & General has cut its exposure to the domestic property insurance market by 40 per cent after suffering heavy losses from the sector ast year.

The insurance group has laid off 40 per cent of its buildings and contents insurance premiums to a syndicate arranged through Lloyd's of London.

The move follows statements from David Prosser, the chief executive, last summer, that he wanted to reduce L&G's exposure to the general insurance market.

L&G takes in buildings and contents premiums of an estimated £250 million a year. but in the first six months of last year, the group lost £38.3

The group is now expected to make similar arrange-

ments in its other general

insurance businesses, includ-

ing vehicle cover. Confirmation of the deal came as L&G announced its new business figures for 1991. These showed a 16 per cent fall in new annual premiums to £225 million because of the recession and the poor housing market. Mortgagelinked new business plunged

18 per cent to £64.4 million. By contrast, single premium business surged 75 per cent to £1.07 billion owing to a series of investments by several company pension funds. The rise helped L&G's total investment figure for the year rise 16 per cent to a record £2.16 billion.

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Halfway results show £70m pre-tax loss

Mountleigh plunges into the red

By MATTHEW BOND

MOUNTLEIGH, the property company never far from controversy, has reported a pre-tax loss of £70.6 million for the six months to end-October, com-pared with a profit of £12 million in the

same period last year. Yesterday's losses come only six months after the company raised 596 million through a rights issue and only three months after its chairman and three joint managing directors resigned.

Three of those four former executives - Nelson Pettz, Peter May and Marc Leland - remain with the company as non-executive directors and share a common interest in a 29 per cent stake. As such, the three Americans were the biggest losers from the board's decision

to pass the interim dividend (1.25p). The interim losses were accompanied by confirmation that the group had the company well on the way to meeting

agreed to sell the Merry Hill shopping centre in Dudley, West Midlands, for £125 million. The buyer is a consortium of investors led by the O'Connor Group, an American company.

With Sir Ian MacGregor, Mountleigh's latest chairman, recuperating from heart surgery in America, it fell to Jeff Warren, the finance director, to defend a sale at a price about £35 million below book value. Even after the rights issue, gearing was more than 100 per cent and debt reduction was the company's top priority, Mr Warren said. "The most important thing we have got to do is to turn our assets into cash and reduce

our debts." ._Mr Warren pointed out that with £70 million of other property sales included, the completion of the Merry Hill disposal would take the running total on disposals to almost £200 million, with

its target of £400 million of disposals in two years. "I think we're doing pretty well," Mr Warren said.

With the exception of £24 million that will be used to meet a deferred acquisition payment, the proceeds of the Merry Hill sale, which will require shareholder approval, will be used to reduce debt from the half-year end level of £526

Sales at Galerias Preciados, Mountleigh's Spanish retail chain, rose 6.9 per cent to £227 million, but the division reported an operating loss of £1.9 mil-lion, after an increase in its rental

Mr Warren said the company was confident of a return to profit in the second half: "Underlying trading has performed well, albeit in a more difficult retail climate in Spain." he said.

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MOUNTLEIGH is one of where the only real question that shareholders need to ask is will there be anything left once, or if, the company has paid its debts?

A share price of just 94p provides an all too eloquent answer. Only six months ago. shareholders were complaining about the deeply discounted price of 25p at which 420 million new shares were issued in an attempt to buy £96 million worth of breathing space. Now 25p looks the stuff of dreams, especially for Nelson Peltz and Peter May. non-executive directors but co-owners of a 29 per cent stake shared with a Getty

Mountleigh is certainly getting through its rights issue cash. For a start, the fund-raising cost the com-pany £9.8 million, some £6.5 million of which is now written off in the £40.1 million exceptional item that helped the company towards a pre-tax loss of £73.7 million. The rest of the excep tional stems from the £35 million book loss that will be realised once the £125 million sale of the Merry Hill shopping centre is complete.

The Merry Hill disposal will help to cut borrowings from their half-year-end level of £526 million, although some £24 million is earquisition costs.

More worrying is the damage the Merry Hill sale does to the revenue account, With a half-year interest bill of £35.5 million, the loss of more than £10 million of renewable annual income is not a light matter.

Galerias, the Spanish department store group, is back in operating losses, so the company's future is once again dependent on property disposals. Excluding Merry Hill, the company raised £71 million through this route, but the climate for such sales still remains very difficult.

Inevitable further provisions mean that year-end losses could total £120 miflion, and with costs running so far ahead of revenues any net asset figure will be rapidly historic. Avoid.

Haynes **Publishing**

HAYNES Publishing Group may produce the Rolls-Royce of car manuals but its recent financial performance has been about as impressive as a secondhand Trabant. The company barely broke even last year, as the slump in car sales and an ill-judged diversification into general book publishing finally caught up with it.

Losses in the UK operations have been stemmed since the arrival of Max Pearce, the cost-cutting chief executive. Meanwhile, a change of policy in America.



Large stakeholders: Peter May (left) and Nelson Peltz, of Mountleigh

in the car market, according

to Beeson Gregory, the company's broker. That

would give earnings of 18.4p.

putting the shares on a prospective p/e ratio of under nine. Given the huge potential in Europe, the

where Haynes concentrates on domestic vehicles and imports, has paid off with North American profits soar-ing from £374,000 to £870,000, at the halfway

Group pre-tax profits for the six months to end-November more than dou-bled to £1.13 million, after £453,000 of exceptional items. The interim dividend rose from ip to 2.5p.

Further above the line

shares look an attractive recovery play, but they are a thin market. charges are likely at the year end, holding pre-tax profits back to £2.2 million. How-ever, with the cost benefits in the system, Haynes can be expected to make £3 million

Bullough BULLOUGH, the office furfor the year ending May 1993, even without a pick-up niture to refrigeration group, has found that disaster can

have a silver lining. The group had just com-pleted a fi million order for the London Underwriting Centre in the City when it heard that the new building fitting order for the same premises has come its way for 1992. That should help to boost its otherwise depressed order levels. In the year to October 31. for the second time running

pre-tax profits fell (from E26 million to £20.8 million), and this is the third year in a row that a 6.05p a share dividend has been declared, covered

If pre-tax profits improve this year, as they might. 1992 could bring a modest dividend increase. Time will

The profits breakdown for Bullough's six areas of operation shows mixed fortunes, but at least the year's £1.78 million operating loss in store fittings was all in the first half. Since then, the damage has been corrected. In addition, various costmented in 1991 have started

Refrigeration activity for supermarket chains should pick up if refurbishment plans go shead, and there should be a general margin improvement throughout the group in the second half. Year-end profits could reach £22 million, allowing a nudge in the dividend, and at 140p, up 15p, the shares are on a

prospective p/e of 11.7. They are not without attraction, on the assump tion that economic con-ditions in 1992 will be somewhat brighter.

SWORLD MARKETS

Redskins win helps Dow rise 9 points

New York - Wall Street stocks retained most of their gains in morning trading but eased off initial highs. Bonds also gave up some gains. By mid-morning, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 9.84 points at 3,242,62. Advancing shares outpaced declining shares by seven to five. Analysts and traders said sentiment for stocks was posi-

tive after Sunday's National Football League champion-ship game in which the Washington Redskins beat the Buffalo Bills. Wall Street has a history of

rising during years when a National Football Conference team, such as Washington, wins the Super Bowi. Frankfurt - Selected foreign buying of German chemical stocks pushed the 30 share DAX index up more than 10 points in early trading, but dealers said that volume in the first half hour of trade was moderate to low.

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-The market's focus remained on the threat of strikes in the German steel industry. Analysts said that both actual action and lastminute settlements would not have much of an impact on trade. One said: "It has all been discounted."

They said apparent support from the G7 industrial nations for moderate deals was viewed as neutral for the bourse. The Dax was up 12.20 points at 1,677.06 in morning trade.

Tokyo feels the blues

to an attack of Monday blues and closed lower in listless trade. Fading hopes of easier credit, political uncertainty and continuing fears about the supply and demand situation depressed sentiment, while futures linked selling pressured prices, brokers

The 225-share Nikkei average was down 65.04 points, or 0.31 per cent, to 21,007.11, with about 130

million shares traded. Masami Okuma, of UBS Philips & Drew, said: "Things are very quiet today. Foreign buying has dried up and institutional investors are still tied up with year-end account closing. On the other hand, people are reluctant to sell at these levels."

Singapore - Share prices closed slightly mixed after fluctuating in narrow ranges in quiet trading due to lack of clear leads from oversess bourses, brokers said.

The Straits Times Industrial index closed at 1,545.92, up 3.60 points from Friday's close, but below the day's high of 1,549.06.

Funds focus on high-dividend utilities

BIG income funds were again trying to limit the damage done to their portfolios by Lonrho's decision last week to cut its final dividend for last year and withold this year's first interim payment.

Again, the funds were focusing on the utilities, which offer strong support for the electricity and water companies. Both sectors enjoyed early mark-ups on the back of the latest opinion polls showing the Conservaties with a 3 point lead. Dealers said this also went some way to soothing fears of renationalisation in the event of a Labour government being returned at the general election. The real attraction for the institutions are the handsome dividends being paid by the utilities.

Panmure Gordon, the stockbroker, also cheered the water companies by urging clients to be overweight in the sector. Angelos Anastasiou, an analyst, said it was at its lowest rating relative to the market since the flotation in December 1989. Top of his buy list are Thames, up 13p at 359p. Wessex 9p at 381p. Severa Trent 7p at 327p and

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were also gains for Anglian op to 350p, Northumbrian 3p to 369p. North West 7p to 349p. South West 4p to 329p. Welsh 9p to 364p, and Yorkshire 14p to 375p.

The electricity distributors are seen as an attractive longterm investment, with institutional buyers boosting Eastern 4p to 323p, East Midland 7p to 247p, London 4p to 247p, Manweb 3p to 310p, Midland 4p to 258p. Northern 4p to 252p. NORWEB 6p to 252p. SEEBOARD 9p to 258p, Southern 8p to 258p, South Wales 2p to 311p, South West 7p 262p, and Yorkshire 8p to 305p.

The power generators saw National Power close 5p up on the day after going exdividend, and PowerGen 5p better at 225p.

The demand for utilities and other leading shares enabled the new two-week trading account to get off to a cracking start. Hopes of an early cut in bank base rates were reinforced by some better than expected December trade figures. However, de-

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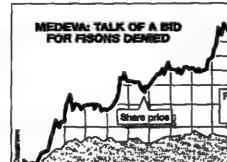
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mand was patchy with interest focused mostly on alpha stocks and only 448 million shares changing hands.

been more than 37 points ahead at one stage. Government securities appeared overshadowed but still

BTR, recommended by Tempus earlier this month at 398p as one to watch in 1992, continued to make headway, closing 10p dearer at 430p. Yamaichi, the Japanese securities house, agrees and features it among its list of top ten stocks. Yamaichi approves of the Hawker Siddeley and Rockware acquisitions and is forecasting superior earnings and dividend growth as margins improve.

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Dealers appeared encouraged, however, with the FT- E4 at the longer end. SE 100 index closing 29.5 higher at 2,539.9, having 12p lower at 535p as the

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doubled after being split in half. P&O was a dull market, losing 7p at 440p on talk of a profit downgrading by Charterhouse Tilney.

Haif-year figures from Mountleigh, the troubled property developer, were eyery bit as bad as feared. The group unveiled a pre-tax loss of £73.7 million compared with a profit of £12 million for the corresponding period. There is no interim dividend: The figure was reached after. making write-offs totalling £40 million, due mainly to the: collapse in property values.

Hopes of a bid from rival

Medeva saw shares of Flaore enjoy an early mark-up, finishing 15p better at 349p. despite the story being denied. The speculators may be prepared to rule out the prospect of a bid from Medeva. but most of them believe Fisons remains vulnerable at these levels.

The Fisons price has been under intense pressure re-cently, overshadowed by its dispute with the US Food and Drug Adminstration, which resulted in two drugs being

recommended by Tempus. earlier this month at 228p. was 7p better at 255p.

Wace Group recovered halving an early 22p fall, which followed market rumours that the the pre-press production company was used to launder IRA funds through the stock market. The rumours followed a Sunday newspaper article claiming the IRA was suspected of using an unnamed firm. The shares ended lip lower at 167p after the company made a statement denying

Bid speculation focused attention on Clinton Cards, the greeting cards retailer, which climbed 14p to 79p on weekend talk of a bid from WH Smith, the newsagent. Clinton says it has not received an approach and is not aware of any pending offer. WH Smith A firmed 3p to 461p. Unilever firmed 3p to 893p

after announcing that Michael Perry, deputy chairman, was to succeed Sir Michael Angus as chairman. MCHAEL CLARK

Italy plans £7bn

BY WOLFGANG MONCHAU

these proposed asset sales is to reduce Italy's budget deficit, expected to be L132,000 billion this year, so that the country can meet the convergence criteria for European monetary union. With outstanding debts of L1.4 billion billion Italy has one of the highest debt levels in the EC and is expected to make efforts to move some way towards the rest of Europe.

The privatisation bill was finally adopted in the senate at the end of last week, but doubts remain about the detailed implementation of the programme.

April. and the usually complex composition of the country's coalition governments rarely holds out prospects of ity company, and INA, an insurance group. In the case of ENI, there could also be partial privatisation of some of subsidiaries, most notably Agip, the exploration comparo. Privatisation is, however,

expected to be a relatively modest process. It will not involve outright sales, as has been the case in Britain, but partial share flotations or the full or partial sale of subsidiary companies. The bill also sets out the prospect of real estate sales worth about L3 Few in Italy expect the pro-

gramme to revolutionise the way the country's industry operates, but the fact that the government was able to enact tramework legislation setting out the privatisation process is widely regarded as a con-siderable shift in public perceptions and attitudes. -The Italian senate has thrown out a takeover bill aimed at providing greater.

transparency of shareholdings and at protecting the interests of minority share-









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Traders pay for **ERM** error

ast year's current account deficit of £5.8 billion may have been slightly better than the £6.5 billion the Chancellor expected, but in a year of severe recession, a deficit equivalent to 1.2 per cent of GDP can hardly be described as good news. Whatever the official boosters may say, last year's trade performance suggests that Britain entered the ERM at a dangerously overvalued exchange rate and that manufacturers and exporters are only posts beginning to are only now beginning to pay for John Major's

The Treasury can play all sorts of games with quarterly and monthly statistics, but the fact is that annual export volumes, excluding oil and erratic items, were only 2.1 per cent higher in 1991 than in 1990. This compared unfavourably with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's estimated growth rates of 3.3 per cent for total world trade volumes and 2.5 per cent for OECD countries' average export volumes. In other words, British companies lost world market share last year, despite the pressure on them to export to compensate for the collapse of domestic demand. The intensity of that pressure was well illustrated by yesterday's figures on export prices. These rose only 0.2 per cent in 1991 as a whole and actually fell 1 per cent in the year to the fourth quarter.

Last year's 2.2 per cent export growth also compared unfavourably with Treasury projections of 3.2 per cent growth in the autumn statement. Even if the OECD is right in its prediction that world trade will grow by 5.7 per cent in 1992, and this prediction looks over-optimistic, Britain will be lucky to achieve even half the 7.7 per cent export growth that the Treasury forecast for this year.

Thus, Britain clearly still has an export problem.

A country facing a severe balance of payments problem has only two options to devalue its currency or to repress domestic demand. The government's exhortations to improve product quality and reduce pay settlements might mitigate the trade problem by the end of the decade, but a balance of payments crisis may creep up on Britain much somer than that. If British industry fails to pull itself up by the bootstraps, devaluation or recession will be the only choice.

Swedish upset

ari Bildt, Sweden's new prime minister, swept to office last year with a conservative coalition intent on deregulating and privatising the former social democrat paradise in a manner that warmed the heart of many a Thatcherite. Swedish industry, which had long hoped for such a turning point, naturally lauded the immediate publication of an extensive list of state assets to be sold off.

Yet industry's enchantment with its new political masters has already started to wear off. Carmaker Voivo's £3.7 billion merger with Procordia, the food and pharmacuericals group, announced on Saturday, demonstrated that the barons of the corporate sector have a very different timetable in mind to that envisaged by Mr Bildt.

Wider share ownership and enhanced competition may be fine principles for the politicians, but they do not impress Swedish big business. Sweden's industrialists want to ensure that Mr Bildt's privatisations benefit them, not their

foreign rivals. With a holding of only 34.2 per cent in Procordia, government cannot block the Volvo plan, but if it loses control of its privatisation programme at this stage, the country's corporate vultures will tear the fleshy state portfolio apart on

Tokyo looks for hands-off solution to Nikkei decline

Joanna Pitman reports on how recent scandals

have left the Japanese government with a

dilemma as it watches share prices fall

embers of the securities bureau of Japan's ministry of finance were to desks long past midnight most nights last week, trying to put to-gether a package of measures to rescue the Tokyo stock market from the series of spiralling declines in which it appears to be caught.

The mood in the powerful securities bureau seems to be one of considerable anxiety. According to one senior member of the bureau: "We are working to all hours trying to come up with a solution." However, last week's stock market "crisis", as it is known in the ministry, has happened before. Only a few weeks ago, the same hard-working bureaucrat was to be found, caught somewhat ingloriously in the swimming pool at his health club, fielding a series of emergency telephone calls from his boss on the same subject.

The ministry's deep concern lies with the giddy and apparently un-controlled declines in the Nikkei average. Since reaching a high of 38,915,38 on the last trading day of 1989, the Nikkei has fallen gradually over two years and has recently plummeted perilously close to 20,000, an accepted psychological barrier which, if broken, could prompt panic selling.
In the past, Japan's financial au-

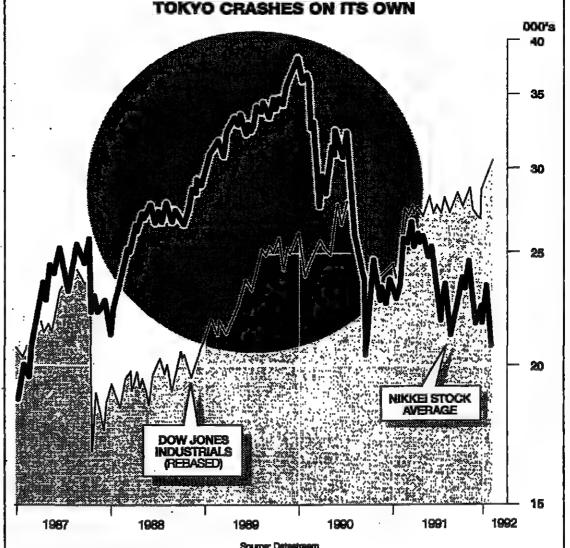
thorities were automatically expected to come to the rescue of an ailing Nikkei average, seen as the barometer of Japan's economic health, by arranging and co-ordinating large stock-buying sprees among the "big four" securities houses — Nomura. Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi.

Today, the finance ministry and the Bank of Japan are still recovering from a barrage of international unticism over their market intervention policies, revealed last summer during a series of damaging stock market scandals. This limits their direct power to boost stock prices.

The financial authorities clearly do not want to be caught out manipulating the market or intervening in the activities of their constituents, but it is difficult to believe that they intend to let market forces take their course. The recent level of late nightwould suggest that even if the minis-try is not directly calling the shots, it is probably leaning on its senior constituents to do so. The securities bureau official said:

"We cannot arrange meetings with the big four to push up the market because we are not allowed to do that any more. I think the big four are getting together themselves, though, to work out a strategy to save the market."

After years of bowing to authoritafive guidance in similar times of trouble, the big four are understood



in Tokyo to be planning to launch a huge fund of individual investors' money to inflate share prices with concerted buying. The potential for saving the market is in no doubt, as Japan's total individually- owned ets, which might be available for such a special stock fund, are worth a million billion yen (£4,400 bil-

Bernard Siman, analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities in Tokyo, said: "If the securities industry managed to attract even 1 per cent of that, they would have a buying. power of Y10,000 billion. That would be almost twice the £24 billion of foreign investors' money that entered the market in 1991 and saved it from total collapse.

Mr Siman believes that the blg four will soon be returning to the retail end of the business, the market upon which they originally built their empires, and which has been neglected of late in favour of the more lucrative but more scandalprone institutional and corporate

Nomura, by far the biggest of the four, agrees. A spokesman said: "We are planning to concentrate our efforts more on profits for the customers, and in particular on the individual customer. That was al-ways our traditional business." According to market analysts, the

Tokyo stock market's basic arithmetic is sound and belies slumping stock prices. Kathy Matsui, strategist for BZW Securities Tokyo, said: Fundamentals are reasonably secure and we have already had most of the bad news on the economy."

Some lay the blame at the feet of the politicians. Mr Siman said: "Japan is suffering from a lack of political leadership. There is a curious paralysis over political decision making, and this is doing much damage to confidence in the market." Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, yesterday spent his first day in the newly opened session of the diet [Japan's parliament] fielding a barrage of opposition questions on political corruption scandals.

iven the contentious and unruly nature of the opposition, few expect Mr Miyazawa to be able to pass the 1992-3 budget bill, the main piece of diet business, and some political analysts are already pre-dicting that he will be forced to step down this spring, after just six

months in office.

The only market participants enjoying the wild seesawings of the Nikkei average are the foreign securities houses in Tokyo. The low trading volumes, which have

slumped to an average of below 300 million trades a day, compared to more than a billion in 1989, and a high degree of volatility have brought considerable profits to the foreigners through trading stock index futures.

The Japanese securities houses, unaccustomed to this technically complex type of trading, have been uncharacteristically losing business to the foreigners on their home turf. in the first half of the fiscal year ended September 30, six of the ten most profitable securities firms in Japan were foreign. Salomon Brothers and Morgan Stanley, which earn much of their Tokyo profits through such stock index futures trading, occupied the third and fourth places, ahead of Nikko Securities and Yamaichi Securities.

Rumours doing the rounds in Kabutocho, Tokyo's equivalent of the City, hint that the finance ministry and the Bank of Japan are concerned that stock index futures trading is only aggravating the vola-tility of the market, and that they are planning to introduce regulations to limit this lucrative business.

Some analysts prefer the theory, however, that the authorities are simply sore that their own mighty securities houses are losing too much politically sensitive ground to the foreigners.

Surge in buyout activity forecast

sk a barber if you need a hair-A cut and the answer is usually yes. Ask a venture capitalist whether now is the time to employ his services and you might reason

Yet Eric Walters, a partner of Schroder Ventures, believes that the management buyout (MBO) industry is set for a busy year, after a couple of years during which high interest rates and the well-publicised difficulties of companies such as Magnet and Lowndes Queensway have kept it in the doldrums.

Schroder, an associate of the merchant bank, claims that a tracking of the relationship between average price-earnings ratios and interest rates suggests that as 1992 contin-ues, the climate will increasingly favour buyouts.

Mr Walters inevitably rejects suggestions, therefore, that the MBO is dead, although he accepts that "mega-deals" are almost impossible to get off the ground, and concedes that the climate might be even better

His group does between one and five deals, of £10 million and above, a year. With three buyouts already looking likely to come to fruition, he said 1992 is looking like a bumper year. He added: "The feel of it is that we're heading for a good, solid, busy year, with some quite large sums of money put away. There are recession opportunities out there. There's cash pressure on companies that want to get rid of the odd division and company."

Price-earnings ratios approach-ing an average of 15 on the stock market - which influence the amount vendors want for their businesses - relatively high real interest rates and a banking sector running too scared to provide the necessary loan element might not look like a recipe for an MBO boom. However, Mr Walters claimed there are deals around, unlike in the past couple of years when the group had seen a dearth of business or 1989, when only one buyout came to completion. He said: "There is no shortage of management groups coming through the door.

Schroder will shortly announce a £100 million buyout in the extractive industries sector, one apparently peculiarly susceptible to political risk. The deal was examined in the light of either a Conservative or a Labour election victory and remained viable in either scenario.

On fundamentals, Mr Walters said the light for the MBO was currently at amber. His outlook for the year is based on three assumptions: a falling stock market driving price-earnings ratios lower, a gradual drifting down in interest rates and a banking sector cautiously edging back into the market once the writeoffs from earlier disasters are out of the way. He said: "They will be looking for businesses again in the normal cyclical way."

On that basis, the light could be green by the end of the year.

MARTIN WALLER



Dixons finds Tokyo chief

STANLEY Kalms, chairman of Dixons, the electrical stores group, seems ready to put his group, seems reany to put its recent trading difficulties in America behind him by forging closer links with Japan. Kalms, who three weeks ago revealed a 36 per cent fall in half-year profits at Dixons, fuelled by losses at its American stores, has installed a too. can stores, has installed a top Japanese businessman as chairman of its operations in Tokyo. Yasuo Ishizaka, aged 63, has never been in the home electronics business, but he has some impressive connections. His father was the first post-war president of Toshiba: one of his brothers is chairman of Kenwood; another is the former head of Toshiba USA; and Ishizaka's son works for Sony — one of Dixons' biggest suppliers. Kalms handed the task of finding a candidate to Mark Souhami, his deputy chair-man, who called in Goddard Kay Rogers, the largest Brit-ish-owned executive search company. Ironically, GKR found Ishizaka through its New York office, so the American experience has not been

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Councell to counsel

THE next time Mick Newmarch, head of the mighty Prudential financial services group, calls for counsel, his remarks could cause some confusion. For he has appointed. Derek Councell, head of legal services at Guinness for the past five years, to lead his areamlined legal team. Political Ret. legal team. Pridential. Brit-ments - some more viable finations . . . ain's largest insurance com- than others, it seems. Nature



"Helio - Mountleigh here — is that the lost property office?"

months restructuring its legal section into a small team. Councell, aged 54, who read law at Cambridge and previously spent 18 years at Imperial Foods, says: "I joined Guinness on the same day as Anthony Tennant and Michael Julien."

PERHAPS we are coming out of recession after all. A record 10 per cent of unemployed executives on the books of a City outplacement consultancy, have found new jobs since the Christmas break — usually a time of no movement in the recruitment market. DBM, the consul-tancy, placed them all in the space of only a week — hopefully making up for months of inactivity last year.

Path to approval

on the lookout for new invest-, your typical honeymoon despany, has spent the past nine lovers in Yorkshire had their

company requested permission to spend £2,323 on a scenic footpath around Embsay reservoir near Skipton. This was all very well, but a second request put to the Yorkshire Dale National Park committee was rather less scenic. It involved plans for a water sports centre on Grimwith reservoir near Graffington, including a clubhouse, hostel, car park, changing facilities and sewage treatment park. Only one

of the schemes was given the

thumbs up — the footpath.

LLOYDS Bank, hit by loan write-offs, is cashing in on the sudden rise in white collar unemployment by offering part-time jobs paying £4 an hour. The jobs are aimed at

Wedding bells

ghost town at the weekend, unless someone steps in to liven things up. On Sunday, Anna Roden, a fund manager at Mercury Asset Management, and Clive Wolman, city ment, and the wolman, city editor of the Mail on Sunday, were formally married at Bevis Marks synagogue. Roden, aged 26, whose mother is Claudia Roden of culmary fame, met Wolman, aged 35, at a blind date funch in a restaurant near the London Stock Exchange. London Stock Exchange. After a reception in the Barbi-YORKSHIRE Water, mind- can Centre, the couple flew off ful of the need to make money for a three-week honeymoon for its shareholders, is always in Chile and Argentina - not

The sacred cow of unlimited liability at Lloyd's of London

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From Mr P. A. English

Sir. There was an interesting juxtaposition in your columns
(January 22). In your City
Comment, you stated that
one of the implications of the Rowland report would be the eventual demise of unlimited liability. In the Letters to the Editor was a letter from Mr Ian Findlay, a past chairman of Lloyd's, during whose chairmanship the Sasse Syn-dicate losses incurred by a comparatively small number of names in the late 1970s were paid for by the rest of the then membership.

From this moment on, I don't really believe that any-body connected with Lloyd's seriously believed in the sa-cred cow of unlimited liabil-Sadly, the Council of

housewives wanting pin-money for selling "simple" general insurance policies through bank branches. Lloyd's is perceived to be damned if it does or does not act, depending on a particu-lar group of members' views and underwriting experience and it really seems that most, if not all, of the leaders of the THE City usually resembles a various action groups and their supporters wish their losses to be paid for by someone else.

> No matter how much one sympathises with many of these names' plight, the in-creasingly litigious stance taken by names generally, ably abetted by the persuasive words of lawyers. ("They would, wouldn't they," to paraphrase the words of a famous 1960's courtesan!) makes one begin to despair of Lloyd's ability in a democratproblems of the past.

One thing is clear, you can-not, I think, pay names' losses JON ASHWORTH today without arousing the immediate interest of the In51 Argyll Road, W8

land Revenue; nor can you hope to shift the onus of losses from one group of names to another, which is, one fears, the aim of the many names' action gorups, whose leaders perceive, rightly or wrongly, the hope of pinning responsi-bility of their losses upon others, whether they be underwriting agents or brokers and, therefore, possibly a com-pletely different group of names on the syndicates concerned, who underwrote the errors and omissions policies for these organisations.

There was a time when the market as a whole would have worked together to solve these problems for the good of everyone (not just the so called "insiders"), but so much is the market in the power of the legal profession, that even attempts to negotiate settlements, without recourse to expensive litigation, could and probably would result in voidance of errors and omissions cover.

There are rich pickings to be made from Lloyd's over the next decade or so by the lawyers and there is little, if anything, that anyone, with the best interests of Lloyd's at heart, can do about it under the present status quo.

As Mr Findlay rightly points out. Lloyd's has done an enormous amount to put its house in order, but sadly it will never be enough for some of its disenchanted names and their advisers, nor for that matter certain areas of the press who can, and no ic society, to ever solve the doubt will, continue to hurl cheap and inaccurate criticism at it with impunity.

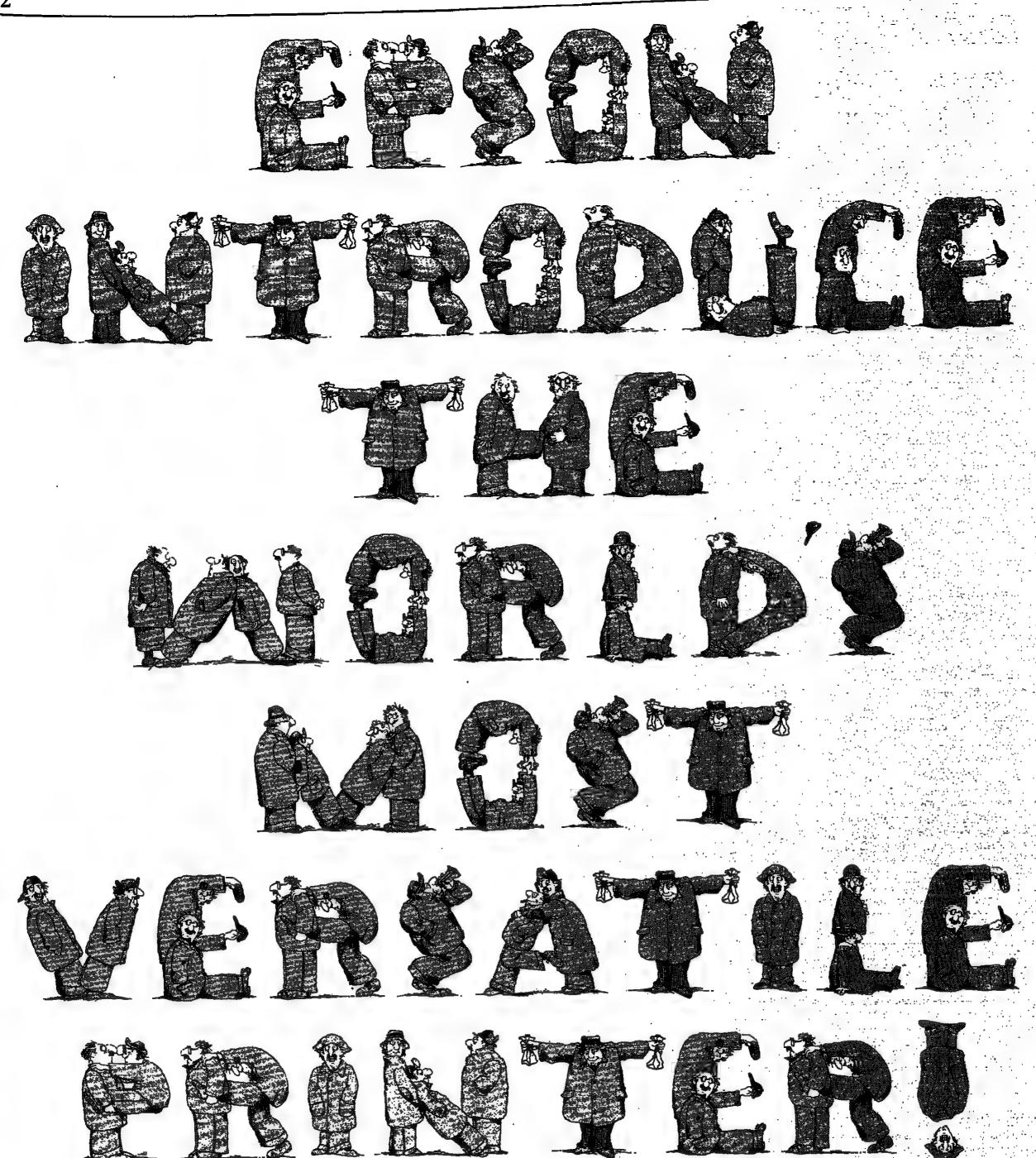
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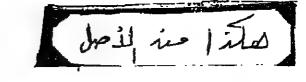
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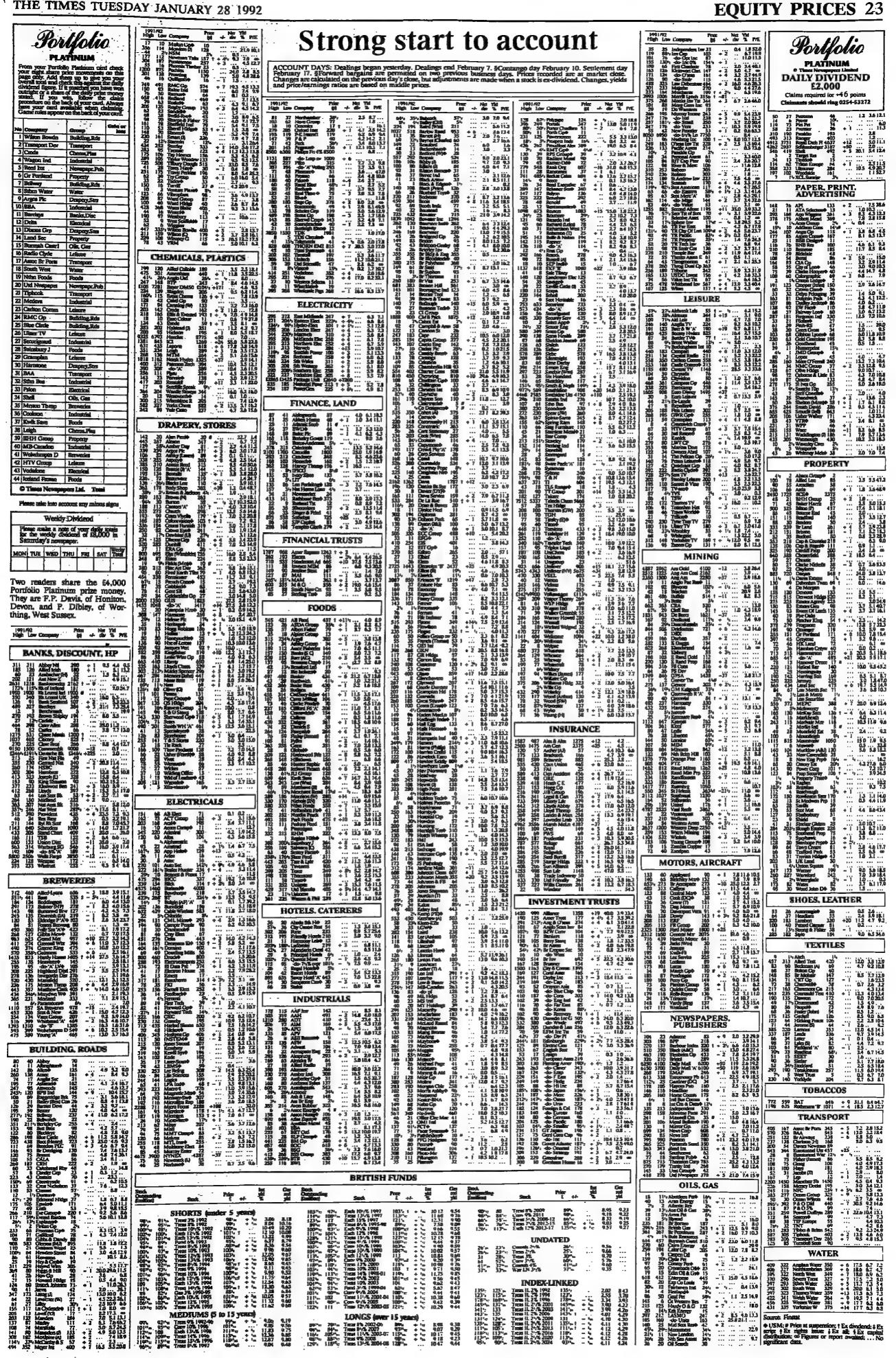
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on this surface, Storm Or-

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But she was comprehen-sively outstayed by Panathi-

naikos and beaten seven

lengths. However, that race

was over two-and-a-half

miles. When dropped back to

today's shorter distance ten

days later, Storm Orphan

made amends by winning

carry top weight and might

well aim him at the Daily

Telegraph Hurdle at Ascot

"Neither race is ideal," Mrs

Reveley said. "I am not keen

on him giving a lot of weight

away at Sandown but the

Ascot race is over three miles

and the ground would need to

be on the firm side for him."

The Agfa Diamond Chase

has drawn 13 acceptors with

Toby Tobias the scheduled

top weight by 2lb from Nor-

ton's Coin, also entered at

Windsor, who has been off the course since finishing

fourth in the 1990 Grand

National, are probable run-

ners, but the improving mare

Dalkey Sound is more likely

Windsor is hopeful of going

shead tomorrow, reporting

"no problems expected." But

Nottingham has frozen patches on the course and

there will be a noon inspec-

Cavvies Clown and Brown

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Sandown waits on frost

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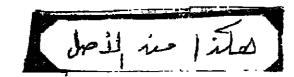
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Sweet Glow 5-1

for Tote Hurdle

BY GEORGE RAE



Sanders set for Lingfield double

THE relatively short trip to Lingfield for Epsom-based trainer Brooke Sanders can prove profitable today, thanks to Absent Relative (1.40) and Storm Orphan (3.10), who will both be ridden by Adrian Maguire.

Epsom opinion is bound to be divided between Gina-Diane and Storm Orphan for the Asquith Conditional Jock-

eys' Handicap Hurdle. When Gina-Diane won over this course and distance last Thursday, she became Simon Dow's thirteenth winner since he took over Ron Smyth's Clear Height yard at Epsom in November.

Gina-Diane has been in unstoppable form on Ling-field's Equitrack surface this year, her most recent victory being her fourth in succes-

On each occasion she has been ridden in great style by the 22-year-old conditional jockey Tony Dicken, whose confidence has been visibly

SWEET Glow, trained by

Martin Pipe is the 5-1 fa-

vourite with the sponsors for

the £20,000-added Tote Jack-

pot Handicap Hurdle at San-

down Park on Saturday. The five-year-old stands on

a four-timer after adding an

Ascot win earlier this month

to successive victories at Chel-

Pipe could also be repre-

sented by Balasani, who won

the William Hill Handican

Hurdle at Sandown before

disappointing when favourite for The Ladbroke at Leo-

pardstown. He is quoted at

Cab On Target is the 7-1

second favourite but is by no

means a certain runner.

Mary Reveley, his trainer, is

concerned by the prospect of

Cab On Target having to

SANDOWN Park officials

will do their utmost to save

Saturday's valuable meeting. The clerk of the course Nick

Cheyne said: "We will be

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10-1 by the Tote.

very easily indeed even though the judge's verdict was only three-quarters of a MICHAEL PHILLIPS length.

While conceding that those behind Storm Orphan were In the belief though that all of no great consequence, I good things are bound to come to an end, I now quesstill feel that she is poised to make telling use of the subtion Gina-Diane's ability to stantial concession she regive 34lb to another course ceives from the top weight, and distance winner Storm and she is my nap. Orphan, who might just have

Sanders and Maguire can also capture the Gladstone Novices' Hurdle, the first race on the programme, with Absent Relative, whose victory over this course at the beginning of this month was achieved on the grass track. Since then, she has finished

second to Dancing Paddy at Fontwell, a result that was anything but a disgrace in view of the way that her conqueror had won at Newton Abbot previously.

Antico Nativo is one of the few horses that Dow has not won with during his recent

PA retains

jockeys

service

THE Press Association an-

-nounced yesterday that it will

continue to gather jockey bookings regardless of the Jockey Club's plans to intro-

duce an overnight declara-tion scheme for riders on July

Colin Webb, editor-in-chief

of the news agency, said discussions had taken place

with Weatherbys over the

OJOCS system under which

riders would be declared with

But PA's own jockeys oper-

ation, collecting riders which

are then incorporated into the

racecards it supplies to news-

papers, was "significantly cheaper to run", he said, "so

we have decided to continue

take the declared runners

from Weatherbys to which we

then add jockeys. However, to

take jockeys from Weatherbys

we would have to pay a higher service charge, and also high-

However, the Jockey Club

condemned PA's action, stat-

ing: "It can only lead to confusion and misleading of the public." The Jockey Club

not to waste their time co-

er copyright fees."

Webb added: "We already

as before."

successive seconds, he can now go one better in the Palmerstone Novices Handicap Hurdle, remains to be

I have my doubts since Matt McCourt has decided that this is another good opportunity for his course and distance winner Golden Gunner, who will be ridden, as he



Sanders: strong hand on Lingfield's Equitrack

son Graham. There was a time when a bet on Sing The Blues was very much the order of the day at Lingfield, so much so

that all of his seven wins over

hurdles have been gained But since he appears to have gone off the boil. I now question his ability to give a stone to Cazaudehore, who beat Odstone Pear by threeand-a-half lengths over today's course and distance two

weeks ago. Another win for Cazaudehore would obviously point to Odstone Pear having an even better chance of winning the

Disraeli Novices' Hurdle. However, I prefer Sally Oliver's seven-year-old Ardrie in this company. He was a com-mendable third behind Mighty Mogul and San Fernando at Towcester last time and he can only go on improving as that was his sec-

Harris pays tribute

THE Levy Board is not alone in its appreciation of allweather racing. That much was clear at Southwell yesterday, the only meeting to survive the freeze.

"I take my hat off to the people who run this course," said Jimmy Harris, whose Mara Askari was the latest to advertise the benefits, keeping up the Melton Mowbray trainer's winner-a-week record for 1992 in the open-

Suluk paid his ninth visit to In the same race Derek Byrne ninth-placed Queens Tour.

Jane Barclay, sister of for-

Going: etandard
1.00 (2m hole) 1, MARA ABKARI (J A Herris, 5-1); 2, War Beat (R Stronge, 7-1); 3, Abingdon Frjer (M Foster, 6-5 fev), 4LSO RAN 9-2 Shawwai (Sth), 12 Entertumment Park, 20 Man O'Meane, 25 Knocking (8th), 4 man, NR: Grey Commender, 2, 151, 30, 2 M, 1 M, 1 Henrie at Melton Mowbray, Total: 25.50; 22.10, 21 80, 81 30, 10 CH; 30, CSF: Eli5 31.

1.30 (2m 6) thigh 1, REGAN (G MeCourt, 1.30 (2m 6) thigh 1, 20 (2m 6)

223.37. Tricast: 2288.02

2.00 (2m 44 hde) 1, NON PERIMANENT (F Marriagh, 5-1 jf-fev; Private Handicapper's top reting); 2. The Lighter Bide (Judy Devise, 5-1 jr-fev); 3. Vallent Deshi (8 Taylor, 10-1). ALBC RAN: 11-2 Frash-lifett (4th); 5 Saly's Dovu. 8 Tree Amigos (5th), 9. Othiositio (pu), 12 Transmit, Nearctic Bay (5th), 14 Solitary Resper (pu), 50 Stepauli (pu), 200 Solid Anewer (pu), 12 ran. NR- Cannon's Spirit. 10, 8. Rt., Na. 12. B Rothwell at Catwick. Tols: 53.20; 21.50, 42.30, 52.60 DF: 530.20. CSF: 527.82 Tricast: 5219.11. 2.30 (2m 2f hote) 1, SULUK (8 Wynne, 48 fav); 2, Straightsseinarrow (6 McCourt, 20-1; 3, Top Prize (5 Turner, 33-1), ALSO RAN: 15-2 Chronological, 8 Sand Castle (pu), 10 Hill Basgle, 12 Hot Performer

DF: 04-80, CSP: 63,82.
4,00 (2m fast) 1, SHEEP STEALER (D Sullivan, 11-1); 2, Carson City (W Dwan, 3-1); 3, Mozemo (D J Molfatt, 16-1), ALSO RAN: 9-4 few Kavina Lady, 6 Sentencia Princess (Stith), 10 Trecturalist, 12 Sperrow Hall (5th), 12 Protervood Golding, 20 Cornamona, Michighi Flotille, 33 Mesuralisvosanuta, Waldorf T Beacte (4th). Malvern Medsm. John's Choice, Loyal Note, Geordie's Choice. 18 ran. ¹4J, 15L, 10I, 12L, 21/H. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Meton. Tote: E13.30; 64.80, 52.00, E8.10. DF: £12.80. C8F: £43.44.

ing Rock Novices' Hurdle.

the Southwell winner's enclosure, and his eleventh in all, after landing the Clay Claiming Hurdle by three lengths. was banned for three days (February 5 to 7 inclusive) for excessive use of the whip on

mer jockey Sandy, sent out Regan for a first training success in the Granite Nov ices' Handicap Hurdle.

(8th), 14 King's Shilling, 20 Cusens Tour, Unassuming (8th), Walk This Way (4th), 30 Dancer in Paris, Cheerful Charte, 80 King Cap, Total Shambles, Zinger (f), 15 ran, 31, 2tcl. 31, 31, 101. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon, Total: 91, 50; 21, 10, 23, 30, 210, 50. DF: 211.40, CSF: 218.02, Chrono-logical (15-2) came under orders but refused to roce—states refunded, flue 4 applies to all beta—declust 10p in pound. appues to et peta — deduct 10p in pound.

3.00 (2m hole) 1, TOP VILLAIN (3 Mo-Neil, 8-5 fav); 2, Glenform (1, Wyer, 3-1);
3, PoBock (M Foster, 3-1) ALSO RAN: 12
in-Keeping (5th), 16 Storm Warrior (4th), 5
ran NP: Dr Bulasco. 9, 3MJ, clat. 81, A
Turnell at Wantage, Tote: \$1.80; £1.30,
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3.30 (2m hdie) 1, GYMCRAK SOVER-EIGN (R Garrity, 4-9 tay); 2, Groenhilf Raffies (Peter Hobbs, (6-1); 3, Vilicoe Bey (A Meguise, 33-1). ALBO RAN: 5 Feltons Dawn (5th), 19 Band Of Hope (4th), 33 Dunstable, 50 Bell Turret, 125 Never Cry Wolf (pu), Katushe-Mey (6th). 9 ran. 61, 12, 7, dist., 191. M H Esstatoy at Great Habiton. Tota: 51.40; 21.10. 21.50, 55.80. DF: 64.80. CSF: 63.82.

field meetings, scheduled for today, were both victims of are in the lap of the gods as frost is forecast later in the operating with PA in an the frost, along with yesterunnecessary duplication of day's Plumpton fixture 1 113143 0000 TIMES 13 (RF.F.Q.S) (Mrs. D Robinson) B Hell 12-0 RICHARD EVANS THUNDERER

A COMPANY OF THE PROPERTY OF T MANDARIN 1.40 Absent Relative.
2.10 Chartie's Darling.
2.40 Cazaudehore.
3.10 STORM ORPHAN
(nap).
3.40 ODSTONE PEAR 2.40 Sing The Bines. 3.10 STORM ORPHAN (nap). 4.10 Golden Gunner. (nap). 3.40 Ardrie.

(nap). 4.10 Antico Netivo. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 ARDRIE.

GOING: STANDARD 1.40 GLADSTONE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,482: 2m) (14 runners)

OCSMIC FORCE 33 pt Cliver) Mrs & Oliver 9-11-6 Jacqui Cliver GLAZERITE 434F (N Greening) R Guest 5-11-6 R Guest G-0- ROYAL SUPRIEME 11 (E Winwood) J Elliott 5-11-6 R Guest G-0- ROYAL SUPRIEME 11 (E Winwood) J Elliott 5-11-6 R Guest G-0- ROYAL SUPRIEME 12 (Nowbury Racing Club) M Uniter 5-11-6 R Guest G-0- REACLE MRNE 28 (Nowbury Racing Club) M Uniter 5-11-6 R D Bridgwater (3) FIDPB- High KABOUR 278 (R Gay) W G M Turmer 6-11-1 R D Bridgwater (3) PROPE JUYCE'S PET 12 (J Criddle) J Criddle B-11-1 R S Shinton G-1 PARDORA'S PRIZE 28 (D' Macfarlane) K Basley 6-11-1 R Bowby G-1 ASSENT-RELATIVE 15 (D,G) (Mrs J Froome) Miss B Senders 4-10-8 A Magquire B-99 GS CASPIAN BELUGA 27 (L Hantings) Mrs A Knight 4-10-8 G Knight GS Knight GS LINE ORDINAMER 17F (P Kelloway) P Kelloway 4-10-8 G McCourt RICHAELS DAWN 146F (Mrs D Hunnisett) J Ffitch-Heyas 4-10-8 R Durwoody P BLUE TOPAZE 27 (N Sacndors) M Saundors 4-10-3 A Webb A Webb GS ROBINS RETURN 21 (Mrs J Downing) T Rollingson 4-10-3 Mr R Downing T TING: 13-8 Absent Relative. 4-1 Pandors's Prize, 6-1 Caspian Beluga, Glazerile, 8-1 Line Drustmer, BETTING: 13-8 Absent Relative, 4-1 Pandora's Prize, 6-1 Caspian Beluga, Glezerite, 8-1 Lina Drummer 12-1 Michaele Dawn, 14-1 Robins Return, 15-1 others.

1991: SOUPCON 5-11-1 Date McKeown (11-2) Miss B Sanders B ran FORM FOCUS

HRGH KABOUR 40% 8th of 11 to Astifield Boy in Ways Ready 6I in 19-runner maiden hundle here (2m, Wincanton 12m, firm) novice hundle PANDORA'S good). CASPIAN BELUGA 17% 5th of 15 to Fight PRIZE 2014th of 7 to Golden Coest to Neithons Hundle fat risce over course and distance ABSENT RELATIVE BLUE TOPAZE pulled up before last. TIVE BLUE of 17 to Dancing Paddy in Forthwell (2m 21, good to soft) novice hundle. Previously beat Al.

2.10 MELBOURNE MAIDEN CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,268: 2m 4f) (8 runners) BETTING: 9-4 Charles's Darling, 11-4 Gypsy Trail, 9-2 Arible, 6-1 Striking Distance, Smart Endeavor, 10-1 Tender Reach, 20-1 others.

1991: WOOD CORNER 6-10-13 J Frost (Evens fav) R Frost 3 ran FORM FOCUS STRIKING DISTANCE 52! 5th of 15 to Chefold Capse in Plumpton (2m., good) nowice hadse. Present in Foliastone (2m. 110yd, good to soft) novice hardle. ARIBIE tailed off 8th of 15 to Kinlet Vision in Bengor (2m 4ft, good to soft) setting hardle with Bengor (2m 4ft, good to soft) setting hardle with GYPSY ITABL 101 2nd of 8 to Carlex in Bengor (2m 4ft, good to soft) setting hardle with Bengor (2m 4ft, good to soft) setting hardle with GYPSY ITABL 1012 and of 12 to Siberian Brezze in Nottingham (2m., good to firm) setting hardle. Selection: CHARLE'S DARLING

2.40 LLOYD GEORGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,604: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

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LEADING POLE 4379 5th of 11 to Firm Price in Sedericid (3m 2 110vd, good) claiming hercie. Sedericid (3m 2 110vd, good) claiming hercie. Sing The BLUES 314 3a of 6 to Gene-Diane in hercicate hurdie here (AW, 2m). VISION OF WONDER 55 5th of 11 to Skustery Fellow in Ludlow (2m). Selection: SING THE BLUES COURSE SPECIALISTS

JOCKEYS Rades Percent TRAINERS Winners Russians Per cent 58.3 44.4 33.3 32.5 31.5 26.7 70.0 A Dicken
46.7 G McCourt
45.5 S Denohoe
42.9 H Devises
31.7 Dale McKeown
25.8 A Meguire

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Record number. Shr-figure form (F - fell. F - pulled up. U - unsected rider. B - brought down. B - slipped up. R - refused. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B - binkers. V - visor. H - hood. E - Eyeshield. C - course winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and

3.10 ASQUITH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,387: 2m) (9 runners)

Long handicap: Yuvraj 9-13, Luthior 9-12, Rongwheel 9-12, Sheikh's Pet 9-6.
BETTHNG: 15-8 Storm Orphan, 2-1 Gare-Diane, 6-1 Primatice, 7-1 Yuvraj, 8-1 Cone Lane, 16-1 Sheikh's Pet, 20-1 others. 1981: HATAAM 5-11-5 P Barnard (9-1) E Wheeler 5 ran

GiNA-DIANE completed course and distance four-timer when beating Straight Lacad 3½ in 6-runner handicap hurdle. Earlier beat Betworedean ¾ in 6-runner handicap hurdle with CONE LANE (17% bet-sor off) 17½ 4th and beat YUYRAJ (11% better off) 3 in 8-runner handicap hurdle. (11% better off) 3 in 8-runner handicap hurdle. (11% better off) 4 in 8-runner handicap hurdle. (11% better off) 5 PRING FORWARD had some fair form lest see-son, including 5¼ 4th of 15 to Maujendor in Strai-ford (2m 6f, good) handicap hurdle. STORM OR-PHAN best Crown Baladee ¾ in 11-runner novice hurdle over course and distance. Selection: GINA-DIANE

FORM FOCUS

3.40 DISRAELI NOVICES HURDLE (£1,268: 2m 8f) (8 runners)

1991: ST VILLE 5-11-13 H Davies (4 6 fav) D Grisselt 5 tan FORM FOCUS

THE Hill beat Far Toc Loud 20 in 8-runner mastien hardle over course and distance ODSTONE PEAR 3½1 2nd of 7 to Cazaudehore in handicap hurdle here (AW. 3m.). Earlier beat Foggy Scotch 8 in 8 runner Market Rasen (2m 6t, good to firm) novice hurdle here (AW. 2m 2f) ABERFOYLE comfortably beat Slivie 2i in 3-runner rovice handicap hurdle here (AW. 2m 4f). Selection: ARDRIE 91 3rd of 18 to Mightly Mogul in Towosster

4.10 PALMERSTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,470: 2m) (12 runners) 12 POPO WOLFGANG 12 (Mrs J Downing) T Rollingson 5-10-0 Long handicap: Kalzan 9-11, Aqiq 9-5, Salar's Spirit 9-3, Wolfgang 9-1

BETTING: 5-2 Golden Gummer, 7-2 Anico Nativo, 9-2 French Legionnaire 6-1 Deviosity, 8-1 Robbie But 12-1 With Gusto, 14-1 Aqiq, 20-1 others. 1391: WESTMEAD 5-10-12 C Maude (8-13 Jav) A Dunn 6 ran

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ROBBIE BURNS beat Kiloanin Guri 20 in 7-numer Pumpton (2m, good to firm) selling hurdle in October. DEVIOSITY 451 4th of 22 to Mr Optimistic in Worcester (2m, good) nowice hundle in Ocember (2m, good) nowice hundle in Ocember (3m) GOLDEN GUNNER beat Brunswick Blue & In 5-fith. ACIO 29 4th of 7 to Abrigdon Flyer in Southwelf (AW 2m 2f) novice hundle ANTICO NATIVO 21 2nd of 14 to Scotom in maden

is set to make his hurdling debut at Wetherby on Saturday. Formerly trained by Henry Cecil, Wakashan, now

One-time Derby hope Wakashan son of Dancing Brave, Wakashan beat Le Corsaire in a Newmarket maiden last April but a leg injury prevented him from reappearing. He with Kevin Morgan, has been entered was sold for 4.000 guineas at the for the Acomb Novices' Hurdle. A Newmarket Autumn Sales.

A powerful case for celebrity status

WHEN not centred on that favourite topic, damning Australian tennis, much of the debate over the past fortnight here in Melhourne has been on the changing nature of the

Whereas this time last year, it seemed that the tennis of the future would involve a battery of powerpacked baseliners, the Australian Open has thrown up two more names - Richard Krajicek and Wayne Ferreira - to add to the everlengthening roll call of potential Wimbledon champions. Suddenly, there is a plethora of serve-andvolley specialists dogging Stefan Edberg and Boris Becker, the long-time keep-ers of the tradition.

Whether either Krajicek or Ferreira, the semi-finalists here, will build on their promising early-season form and end the year — as Michael Stich and Jim Courier did last year — inside the top five, depends largely on attitude and, in the case of the Dutchman, fitness. The temptation of the pre-sent ranking system is to play too much and Krajicek's lanky frame is already protesting at the prospect.

He will need to be careful, but the thought of Krajicek - not to mention Stich. Becker and Pete Sampras unleashing his service on grass this summer is enough to make the wagtails, worms and the other regulars at Wimbledon evacuate the centre court forthwith.

Yet, in all probability, the next world No. I will be none of the above, but Courier, the newly-crowned champion here, whose attitude to life off the court is as uncomplicated as his game on it. Courier, aged 21, has been the victim of his own success in that he has risen

Andrew Longmore on the changing trends in men's tennis at the Australian Open championships

so fast from the ranks that he is still relatively unknown outside his own country and is, therefore, all too easily labelled "anony-

His habit of pulverising lesser opponents, much in evidence in Melbourne, further discourages curiosity. "It will take time for him to be accepted as a true champion." Edberg who has long since become an adopted Aussie, said, "But it will come."

With a racket strung tighter than almost any other professional, naked power will always be the basis of Courier's game. His strategy is to work a point on to his forehand and then go s forehand and then go for the line. It is a Terminator 2-style, not unlike Andre Agassi's, though played at a more considered pace and with less panache, which is why the Lus Vegan, who did not deign to appear in per-son, and not the Floridian, has been featuring in television commercials on

Channel Seven

Courier: rapid rise

final on Saturday when Bary

Lobos, the unbeaten second

division leaders, came from

13 points down to produce a storming finish, led by 31

points from Tony Holley. Bury's 93-88 defeat would

have been closer still but for

Brown (18 points) maintain-

ing his fine form for Leicester.

ond division survivors, suc-cumbed 102-69 at home to

Tigers, caving in once they

had Mark Harvey fouled out

at half-time. The other ries

were hardly less one-sided.

Derby's days of giving Kings-

ton a tricky time are over,

judging by a 94-65 victory for the visitors, and Mike

Spaid (23) for once emerged

as Worthing's top scorer in the 106-73 win against Birmingham Bullets, al-though Baker (21) was his

In the one first division

game. Sunderland hit three-

pointers with their last five

scoring shots, including the decisive effort on the buzzer

from Faul Douglas (25)

against Cheshire Jets. Sun-

derlan.d's 78-75 success

DRAW: Sis mi-finals: Kingston v Worthing, Thumes Vis lay Tigers v Laccester. Two-leg lies to be ,culayed on February 5 and 12.

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leaves Jets at the bottom.

usual flamboyant self.

Doneaster, the other sec-

makes light of the differ-ence and does not envy Agassi his marketability. One of the gags of the week has been Courier's search for a television commercial. Asked if he thought winning the Australian title would open up avenues, he went into an impromptu commercial for a mineral water he happened to be drinking during his press conference. "I just don't think I could do the stuff

Andre does," he said. Courier does most of his stuff on the practice court. Clearly, what terrifies his rivals is not his power so much as his love of hard work. "I see it," Edberg said. "He is always on the practice court and if you want to be No. I. that is

where you have to be." Such has been the sudden swing back to serve-and-volley, though, that the game could badly need Courier over the next few years to provide much-needed contrast. Watching two huge servers is as tedious as watching two huge baseliners. Particularly at Wimbledon, when both Monica Seles and Courier, the defending French Open champions, could arrive with half-grand slams completed. Courier could be as vital to the entertainment

as was Bjorn Borg in the pre-revival days of John McEnroe.

One final thought on the state of Australian tennis. It is worth noting that Austraians won four titles at this tournament the men's doubles (Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge), the mixed doubles (Woodforde and Nicole Provis) and both junior singles (Joanne Limmer and Grant Doyle). That is the sort of decline we could do with in British tennis.

ICE HOCKEY

Bears on trail of second success

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

BASKETBALL

WORTHING Bears, the first team to defeat Kingston in the Carlsberg League this season, will have to do so again if they are to prevent Kevin Cadle's squad reaching the national cup final for the

sixth time in eight years. In yesterday's draw for the semi-finals, to be played home and away early next month, Worthing got the tie that no one would have wanted. Despite winning last month's league fixture by five points, Worthing have now alerted Kingston to their strengths, Ronnie Baker's in particular, and the possibility of a repeat performance over

two legs is slim. Thames Valley Tigers, who deposed Kingston as league leaders after their midweek victory at Hernel Hempstead, should win the other semifinal, although their opponents, Leicester City Riders, beaten by 25 and 29 points in the two league games be-tween the clubs this season. have since improved to such effect that they took Kingston alarmingly close in last week's NatWest Trophy final.

The beaten finalists last year and in 1984, Leicester survived the toughest quarter-

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Bees are

stung by Wasps

DURHAM Wasps, with a 9-2 win over Bracknell Bees, equalled their own Heineken League record with their twentieth game without defeat.

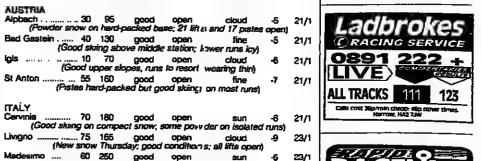
With Humberside Seahawks beaten by Nottingham Panthers and the Norwich and Peterborough Pirates. Cardiff Devils moved into second place in the premier division with an 11-2 win over Ayr Raiders, but the Wasps still have an eightpoint lead.

In contrast, the Bees, held 5-5 at home by the Pirates, have not won a home game since the middle of October, when they moved to the top of the division. They now have only Ayr below them.

Fife Flyers and Slough Jets are turning the first division into a two-horse race. Swindon Wildcats and Basingstoke Beavers share third place, but they are 12 points behind and must be nervously looking over their shoulders at Telford, who are only three points adrift in fifth.

The Tigers secured two double-figure wins, over the Beavers and Milton Keynes Kings, with Troy Kennedy, their new acquisition from Milton Keynes, leading the way with six goals and six assists from the two games.

ASSISTS from the two games.
RESULTS: Helmeton League: Premier division: Bracknel Bees 5, Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 5, Cardiff Devils 11, Ayr Raiders 2, Nofhingham Parithers 7, Humbersode Seahawks 4, Ballingham Bombers 3, Ayr Raiders 3; Durham Waspe 9, Bracknel Bees 2, Murrayfield Racers 11, Whittey Warriors 7, Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 6, Humbersode Seehaneks, 4 First division: Fife Flyers 7, Lee Valley Lons 5; Mitton Keynes Kings 5, Romford Raiders 5, Swindon Wildcals 6, Slough Jets 7, Telford Tigers 14, Basingstoke Beavers 6, Blackburn Blackhawks 12, Lee Valley Lons 9, Romford Raiders 6, Slough Jets 7, Swindon Wildcals 6, Fife Flyers 9, Telford Tigers 13, Mitton Keynes Kings 7, Trafford Metros 6 Basingstoke Beavers 8





Rypien gives Washington Redskins the edge over Buffalo Bills in a decisive confrontation between quarterbacks

The quarterback more clever by half

FROM SIMON BARNES IN MINNEAPOLIS

CRICKET is not the most obvious blood-brother of American football but the Richie Benaud dictum holds as good for quarterbacks as it does for cricket captains. Accept all the credit when you win, Benaud said, in the sure and certain knowledge that you will get all the blame

Mark Rypien was the winning quarterback as Washington Redskins beat the Buffalo Bills 37-24 in Super Bowl XXVI here on Sunday. And as usual, the winning quarterback won the MVP award: Most Valuable Player, And yet Rypien knows that he can look at Jim Kelly, the humiliated quarterback of the Bills, and say to himself: there but for the grace of God

Kelly began the week as the bigger name of the two. Slick. smooth, too dever by half, he ran a spectacular attacking tactic known as the no-huddle offense. Romantics expected that his individual skill and charisma would win the day.

Instead, the MVP award went to a man with a face like a salami. An advertising person, asked for his opinion on

DETAILS



Rypien's value for commerendorsements, summed up: "No charisma, and a bad haircut."

But haircuts do not always win ball games, as Andre Agassi followers well know. Rypien was solid, smart and inventive, and he and his bad haircut were good enough for the MVP award, K.elly merely has some horrible stats. The biggest of these is that he attempted a collossal 58 passes - and completed just 28. By contrast, Rypien had 18 completions from just 33 attempts. So it is all Kelly's

It is unjust - individual blame is always unjust in a team game. For a start, Thurman Thomas, the top running back in the sport, failed to turn it on for the Bills. He was held to an unbelievably paltry 1:3 rushing yards. He had managed 190 yards the previous year when the Bills lost by a single

But this year, there was nowhere for Thomas to go. The Washington defense was just too good. It also drew the sting from the no-huddle "We gave them a lot of different looks," the Washington head coach, Joe Gibbs, said. "We had good drills, and were able to make substitutions. We had a great plan and worked at it very

It is a truism of the Super Bowl: just about every year. the winning quarte roack gets the MVP. And just about every year, the game is actually won by the unirewarded defense. The Washington defense ran all over Kelly: constantly hurrying him, harassing him and hurring

Kelly was sacked five times, was intercepted four times, and was forced to fumble once. These are nurabers that add up to a perfect ly appail-



Kelly's eye: the Bills's quarterback is slammed to the ground by Marshall, left, and Geathers, of the Redskins in the Super Bowl

ing day at the office. Kelly must take the blame - even though the people supposed to stop this happening all failed. He must also be blamed because the Washington defense played brilliantly: they applied ferocity with such precision and timing that the Bills attack was

neutralised. Kelly can also look to his receivers if he wants to spread the blame still further. Nobody would listen, because you are supposed to biame quarterbacks - but all the same, Don Beebe dropped two touchdown passes, and Kelly threw both of them per-

> "We just handled it all professionally," Darrell Green,

of the Redskins, said. "The game, the whole week." That is about right. The Bills spent most of the week before the game inadvertently creating daft media stories. They apparently forgot that a casually inflammatory remark thrown at 2,000 media people starts a nationwide bush fire. Super Bowl week is the silliest of all

Bruce Smith said he was thinking of leaving the team because he got racist letters from supporters. Thomas boycotted a press conference, and then said he that he did not get any recognition for his talents - even though he was voted the entire league's MVP

this season. Then there was a bizarre

argument as to whether Thomas or Kelly was "the Michael Jordan of the team". (I confess this confused me, until I remembered that Jordan is a basketball player. rather than the epicene singer named Jackson). One of the coaches said some rude things about the Redskins offensive line, which were euphemistically reported as "fat

All of which gave the media lot of fun, and helped to keep the Bills off. balance. Their old press nickname, the Bickering Bills, was dusted off again, and Kelly could blame all these fuss-creators for disrupting team spirit.

Meanwhile, the tactic of

sive line by fat-bottom insults was not a total success. They are a bunch of pugnacious gentlemen who love to be called The Hogs. Rypien should carve his MVP award into six pieces and give one to each Hog. They did not permit a single sack. They gave him a wall: they gave him

him time. Time to win his award, in fact. Kelly had none of those things. Instead, he had the Washington defense perma-

security of mind: they gave

nently "in his face" as football jargon has it. My most vivid memory of Kelly is the sight of him sitting down, legs splayed out like a child; where he had been knocked down.

He was sitting there in cheer

disbelief, after his pass had been intercepted by Gouveia. Tell me its not happening, he was thinking.

Kelly leaves with bruises, concussion and the blame; Rypien with the MVP award and all the credit for an impregnable offensive line. strong running from Byner and Ervins, great catching from Clark and Monk, and

quite superlative delense. Gibbs, the coach, said he just wanted to thank God for the victory. He is right to do so. Gibbs, Rypien, Kelly, Na-poleon and Richie Benaud all know the same truth. God is on the side of the big hattalions.

TABLE TENNIS

Chen loses campaign against Olympic veto BY RICHARD EATON

CHEN Xinhua's has lost his long fight for the right to challenge for a medal at the Olympic Games. Chen, who was born in China and qualified for England two years ago, has fallen foul of a new Olympic rule allowing a country right of veto for three years after one of its players acquires a different passport.

Although China is exercising the veto against Olympic hopefuls in other countries including the former world No. 1. Geng Lijuan, now of Canada - Chen is: likely to feel the disappointment the keenest. With his 32 nd birthday next week, he is now unlikely to compete in an Olympic Games. Chen's place will be taken

by his friend, Matthew Syed, another defensive player, who will join Alan Cooke, Lisa Lomas, Andrea Holt and Alison Gordon in the qualifying competition in Bolzano, Italy, from February 6 to 9. Carl Prean, the England No. 1. qualifies automatically.

POOLS FORECAST

AT FIRST glance an away win for the League leaders, Manchester United, against an ailing Arsenal looks a sound proposition but this is one instance where the horses for courses theory could work in reverse. United's recent record at Highbury is poor. Arsenal having won five of the last seven League and cup

encounters. With Arsenal determined to salvage something from their disappointing season. a repeat of the score draw at Old Trafford in October seems a better bet.

Sheffield United's great escape from relegation last season began with a victory over Nottingham Forest at Christmas A point at the City Ground is not beyond them on Saturday, especially as the signs of improvement.

priority. Forest's inconsistency makes any result

cups appear to be Forest's

Another team up and down like a yo-yo is Mil wall. In their last three games. Millwall have won 4-0 away to Huddersfield Town, lost 6-2 at Sunderland and beaten Middlesbrough 2:-0. They will probably have to settle for a point against the second division promotion contenders, Ipswich Town, who should break their sequence of 12 matches without a score

Burnley's astonishing run of 31 matches without an away score draw hats to end sometime and what better place than Walsall, who are less draw-shy and showing

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Bates returns at Richmond

sixes and sevens because of

They are certain, at least, of

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

enced Wasps scrum half, returns to international rugby on Friday. He is the only change in the XV to play Ireland in a B international at Richmond, England's second of the season after the comfortable 34-3 victory over Spain earlier this month.

STEVE Bates, the experi-

Bates, who won one senior cap against Romania in 1989, displaces Steve Dougias, the young Newcastle Gosforth player, whose time will doubtless come again. Otherwise, Stuart Barnes will lead the same XV as that which played in such frosty conditions in Madrid against

THE two sides who have

dominated the Schweppes

Cup for the past five years

have been pitted together in

the draw for the sixth round

of the competition (Owen Jen-

Uanelli play Neath in argu-

ably the biggest draw in Welsh rugby, despite the latter's recent lack of form.

One of the sides has reached

each of the past four finals,

and Llanelli deseated Neath

in the semi-final last year

Brian Rigney's presence at lock after he proved his fitness during Greystones's hand-some All-Ireland League victory over Dungannon. Paddy Johns, capped once against Argentina, joins the replacements, but there may be some reshuffles at full back and

stand-off half - the first, should Colin Wilkinson be required in the senior side as a replacement for Jim Staples, the second because of damaged ankle ligaments to Nicky Barry.

A decision will be made about Staples's fitness tomor-

Cardiff will meet Newport

at the Arms Park, and at the

Brewery Field, Bridgend will

Big guns to meet

entertain either Maesteg or Newbridge. Tondu, the village side, will have a difficult away match against Pontypridd, providing the first division side over-comes Pontypool United.

DRAW: Stath round: Aberillery v Pyle of Cardiff High School Old Boys; Cardiff v Newport. Cross Keys v Pontypool Endgend v Meesteg or Newbridge; Pontypool or Pontypool United v Tonda: Lampin v Neeth; Durverant v Talyvean or Meethy South Wales Police v Oatdale or Seasness. Ties to be played an February 22.

row, but Barry, from Garryowen, must indicate today whether he can play. He was on crutches at the weekend Should he withdraw. Paul Hennebry, from Terenure College, will take his place.

England's selectors will

have pondered calling up more experienced forwards against the Irish, who won last season's B international 24-10 with a very experienced team. However, England were sufficiently pleased with the display of such young players as Sims, Haag and Clarke to retain them.

Bates's return gives Eng-land an experienced halfback combination. The Wasps player was unavailable for selection before Christmas because he was settling into a new teaching post at Radley College and did not have the time for the heavy training commitment. Now, he returns for his third B appearance.

ENGLAND B: I Hunter (Northernotori); J Pation (Bath), P de Glarville (Bath), J Buckton (Sarcors), T Underwood (Lucostel); S Bernes (Bult, optient), S Berne (Waspe); S Bathwin (Northernotor), G Dewe (Bath), A Mullins (Harboures), M Greenwood (Hytingham), M Hass (Bath), D Sins (Gloudstor), M Back (Jaicester), B Caske (Bath), Replacements: G Thompson (Harboures), G Airscough (Luitester), S Docusta (New Latester), V Unoqui (Bath), Rockerill, V Contest (Red), Replacements; M Pepper (Mothingham)

Pilkington Cup to take priority

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) decided yesterday that the Pilkington Cup should take precedence over the Courage Clubs Championship and that the fourthround cup-ties postponed from last Saturday should be played on February 8.

That means the complete first-division programme scheduled for that day, complete with pre-arranged match sponsorships, will be erased because one, if not both, of the clubs in all six matches are still involved in the cup. Given that ten firstdivision clubs have still to



Wood: put cup first

play matches postponed by bad weather on December 14, it is apparent that there will be a hectic end to the domestic season, with league matches probably being

played in midweek There will be considerable re-organisation of the second division too, since four of its clubs remain in the Pilkington Cup. The feeling of the competitions sub-committee was that we should get on with the cup," Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said. "If we left the cup matches until February 22 (the date scheduled for the quarter-finals], something could go wrong and then we would have lost

another month." Wasps remain aggriced that their tie was called off, not so much because of the state of their pitch, which. they believe was playable, but because Harlequins, their op-ponents, influenced the decision with so many of their players having one eye on England's match with Ire-land on Saturday.

PROVINCIAL INSURANCE CUP: Quarter-lindis: North: Ashbourns or Rockelli' v Edwardian or Altrinchem Kersal; Barningham City Officials or Manor Park v. Bradford Selem or Moresby Park. South: Felsenham or Bradenall v Old Richlans; Ongar v Slov-on-the-Wold or Bioester. Thee to be played on Fabruary 22.

Super Bowl that was not so super

first quarter, during which

I READ at the weekend an article in which the noughts and the commas had reproduced themselves without the writer's permission so that the predicted television audience for the Super Bowl appeared to be something like three times the population of the world. Now that

is what I call hype. Even the real figures are impressive: based on what happened last year, we can expect to hear shortly that well over a billion people. one-fifth of the world's pop-ulation, were tuned in. What I want to know is how many were tuned in when the game (inished?

Might as well admit it: not me. The set. certainly, was tuned in I. certainly, was sitting a few feet from the

SPORT ON TELEVISION THE WEEK

IN REVIEW

set. In terms of proximity.

neither the set nor I could be faulted. But if I can fall asleep, somewhere about midway, while watching a Super Bowl that involves the Washington Redskins, of whom I am a long-time follower, then either I am get-ting too old for this night owl stuff or something is wrong with American

Both, as it happens. Much like the Buffalo Bills, I had trained for it and I was ready for it. I had no problems in the

(shades of two years ago). the Redskins quarterback, Mark Rypien, played as if determined to prove that he is not half as good as we all know he is. But (also like two years ago), a hail of points in the second quarter killed the game by half-time.

It was a blessed relief to switch to the teletext early yesterday morning and discover that the game was fall over by half-time". In fact, it was half-time

that did for me. I recall its beginning, an interview with a girl from Chester-le-Street who, bizarrely, was. appearing in the chorus line for the half-time show, some sort of winter pageant full of dancing and inane Muzak which only the Americans can put on without so much

as a blush. They had been

rehearsing, the girl from Chester-le-Street said, since early December. For the benefit of her rela-

tives watching at home, the interviewer told us that she would be on the far right of the front row. That statement is just about the last. thing I remember of Super Bowl XXVI.

There are two problems: the hype and the scoring system. The hype means that most Super Bowls are decided before they start, because one team gets the hype-induced tension out of its bones and the other does not. The Bills, overly dependent on Jim Kelly, were too hasty for their own good.

The scoring system is what induces sleep. In our kind of football even a three-goal lead in the middle of the second half is not

quite final, not quite enough to kill all hope in the faithful. In American football, a three touchdown lead at that stage is nearly always decisive: there simply is not the time to get downfield three times.
I think that explains why

the core audience for American football, in the States and on Channel 4, is on a downward curve. The American networks have been getting edgy about that situ-ation for several years and for all the enormous revenue from the Super Bowl, the bread-and-butter games are what matter over the long

Therefore I am left asking what might seem an arrogant question will the National Football League do something to keep me awake? I hope so....

Spaniard chases a record triumph

GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SEVERIANO Ballesteros has made winning the US Masters for a third time his priority for 1992. He also intends to finish No. 1 for a record seventh time in the Volvo

Order of Ment. "It gets tougher and tougher each year to win," Ballesteros said. "I would like very much to win the Masters again because I promised my father before he died in 1986 that I would win that year at Augusta. I would have but I put the ball in the water at the 15th hole in the last round. In 1992 I want to win the Masters for him. But it felt good to be No. 1 in Europe again last year and it is always a target."

Ballesteros, who led the money-list with £545.353 last year, will hope to make an encouraging start when he tees up in the Johnnie Walker Asian Classic in Bangkok on Thursday.

The Spaniard is well aware that the first prize of £83:330 there would provide a positive launching pad, although Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer, Steven Richardson and Ian Woosnam will offer

strong opposition... Even so Coral, the bookmakers. have made Ballesterns the 5-1 favourite to finish No. I in the Order of Merit, with lose-Maria Olazabal who is not competing in Thailand, his nearest rival at 6-1, Woosnam (7-1), Faido (8-1), Langer (10-1) and Richardson (10-1) are

next in the bearing. The 1992 PGA European Tour comprises 39 tournaments in a £22 million programme in 17 countries, starting on Thursday and ending on November 1 with the Volvo Masters in Spain, where no fewer than eight tournaments will take place this year.

More than £630,000 in ize-money will be available n the PGA South Region and County PGA exents in 1992. when the highlight will be the Southern professional National from July 22 to 25.

Carriona Lambert, of Scotland, beat Vicki Thomas, of Wales, 6 and 4 in the final of the sixtieth lone D. Jones-Donerty women's matchplay championship at Fort Lau-derdale, Florida, and became the first overseas winner since the competition was started in 1933.

Li Angela - Uzielli has been appointed the non-playing Captain of the England team for the home internationals at Hamilton from September 2 to 4. Jenny Stant, of Hands-worth, will captain the England team for the Valmorin Cup and French Lady junior championship at Saint Nom la Breteche, near Paris, from April 15 to 19.

ENGLAND: N Burton (Woodsoma Hall), C hall (Filton), J Hockley (Felbatowe Ferry), E 3rdb (West Essect, R Botas (Basu Desert), FBrown (Haswall), E Ratellife (Sandivey), K Stopolas (Royel Cinque Porta), R Millington Cruids Headl), A MacDonald (Andover).

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Australia ensure no repeat of collapse

Boon and Taylor grind way to their hundreds

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN ADELAIDE

AFTER the loss of 12 wickets on the first day of the fourth Test match between Australia and India, and nine on the second, yesterday produced only one, as Australia rook their second innings from 36 for one to 245 for two. With two days to go, they are now 165 runs ahead. If a tally of 209 runs from

six hours of sun-drenched cricket provided limited entertainment for a Bank holiday crowd (the Australia day break). Australia were re-sponding to a roasting from their captain and manager. Their first-innings collapse had a lot to do with carelessness, and on no account was that to be repeated.

With 35 minutes left, it looked as though Boon and Taylor would bat right through the day, something last done in Test cricket by Taylor and Marsh against England at Trent Bridge in 1989. But in the first over with a new ball, Taylor slashed a long hop straight to

Never, I fancy, can fewer strokes have been played at Adelaide by Test batsmen on a day when so few wickets have fallen. But that is because of the pitch, not only the batsmen. As often as not, the ball is reaching the wicketkeeper, standing back, down by his ankles.

The Indians have allowed themselves to become seriously upset by the umpiring, just as many touring sides do, not only in Australia, who fail to guard against it. They surfaced yesterday morning still complaining about two decisions that had gone against them on Sunday evening—first when Marsh, although palnably run out was given palpably run out, was given in, and then when they thought they had Boon legbefore. To judge from the television replays, umpire McConnell has certainly had

a very worrying march. I mention this because of the effect that it could be having on India's performance. The early wicket they needed yesterday to perk them up never came, and they were soon concerned mainly with containment

With Taylor and Boon prepared to wait for the loose ball, and India bowling

D.M. Jones, M.E. Wisson, T.A. Hamly, M.G. Hughes, S.K. Warns, C.J. McDermott and M.R. Whitney to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-291.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 145.

amazingly few overs in the day, considering that their admirable left-arm spinner, Raju, was responsible for 33 of them, the pattern was not long in taking shape.

The first hour brought 36

runs from 16 overs, the second 38 from 15, the third 42 from 18, the fourth 35 from 12, the fifth 28 from 17, and the last 30 from 13. It was nothing if not cagey.

Despite having given him a

35-minute start, Boon preceded Taylor to his hundred by 40 minutes. It was his twelfth hundred for Australia in 62 Test matches, no mean achievement. By way of com-parison, Ian Chappell scored 14 in 75 Tests, Bill Lawry 13 in 67. Taylor's was his eighth in 29 Test matches. Boon has so far faced 316

balls, and batted for just under seven hours. Taylor faced 303 balls and batted for six hours and 35 minutes. Together they added 221 and came within 16 runs of breaking Australia's second-wicket record against India, established by Bradman and S. G. Barnes on the same ground in 1947-8.

Who should be there to watch them but Sir Donald himself. Wisden, however, will never say of yesterday's partnership, as it did of his, that India "were helpless to check the flow of runs". Yesterday, runs did not so much



Sterility upsets spontaneity

THE African nations cup has done nothing if not shatter a few Illusions about the continent's football. The popular image of a relentlessly colourful, free and flowing ame with endiess goals and : excitement dimmed, with each match. The tournsment, which was supposed to accentuate the positive, mere-

ly emphasised the negative. It was another triumph for derensive football. After the World Cup finals in Italy, here was further proof that the world's most popular sport is in danger of becoming, at international level at

least, one of the most boring. True, there was plenty of skill but there was also cynicism, spite, fear and, worst of

all, organisation. The spontaneity that had been Africa's most appealing aspect was smothered. Ivory Coast's success in

winning the championship, after a sterile 0-0-draw and penalty shoot-out in the final against Ghana was typical. We decided to use a defensive system before the tournament," their coach. Yeo Martial; said. "It paid off for us. We did not concede any goals in normal play in the whole tournament. It was more important for us to win this tournament for the first time than to worry about anything else."

Ivory Coast were not alone in their approach. Egypt and Cameroon were both expect-

1; Torino 1, Sari 0. Leading positions (after 18 matches): 1, Milan, Stpts; 2, Juventus, 25; 3, Nepoli, 24.

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GREEK LEASUE Ark: Salonios, 1.

ed to build on their World Cup experiences, but the Egyptians slid nervously out in the round-robin stages as did Aigeria, the holders, and Morocco - while Cameroon fell in the semi-finals hoist by their own defensive petard. Senegal's failure to progress beyond the quarter finals predictably cost their French coach, Claude Le Roy,

his job yesterday. Ghana, led by the African footballer of the year, Abedi Peie, the Marseilles forward. were a welcome exception with the additional positive instincts of Nii Lamptey and Anthony Yeboah. The loss of Pele to suspension in the final did more than anything to scupper their chances.

ATHLETICS

HOUSTON: Merathon: Merc 1, F Lopez (Mex), 2hr 13min 12acc; 2, M Heilmenn (Ger), 214:09; 3, G Olmedo (Mex), 2:15:18. REDONDO BEACH SUPER BOWL WOMEN'S 10K: 1, 3 Heater (33), 32min 24eec (course record).

BADMINTON

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Yesterday: Bueton Celtics 108, Detroit



Scientists display their skill

BY ALSERT DORMER

THE battle of the Bridge systems, designed to show whether the scientific methods employed by tournament ous employed by tournament experts or the natural methods favoured by home players, are best, got underway in London yesterday with the world's two best scientific partnerships challenging the naturalists for £50,000.

Robert Humman and Bobby Wolf, and Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell, both American partnerships, have won the World Bridge Federation's triple crown.

The only other pair to have performed the feat are Gabriel Chagas and Marcello Branco, of Brazil, who are carrying the naturalists' banner, along with Britain's Tony Forrester and Andrew Robson, widely considered

Europe's best pair.
After 36 boards had been played yesterday, the scientists were leading by the narrow margin of 81 international match points to 65. The close fought exchanges have so far been almost devoid of systemic advantage to either side.

YACHTING

New Zealand let victory slip

FROM BARRY PICKTHALLIN SAN DIEGO

di Venezia, shares the lead in the Louis Vuitton challenge trials with Nippon, from Japan, and Spain's impressive one-boat challenge. España '92. However, there is specuation surrounding the New Zealand challenge in the

In a preview to a possible encounter in the finals to decide the right to challenge the San Diego Yacht Club for the America's Cup, Il Moro ran away to an easy 2min 14sec victory over the New Zealanders. Yet the result did not reflect the close competitive-

RAUL Gardini's Italian ness of during the opening America's Cup yacht, Il Moro windward leg when the pressure was on New Zealand after the Italians had forced Rod Davis and his crew above the start line moments before the gun fired.

The move left them 14 seconds adrift at the gun, but within five minutes, New Zealand had broken back into the lead. They maintained this advantage in the light breeze of between four and seven knots to the weather mark, then made three uncharacteristic mistakes in quick succession to hand the advantage back to the ItalIt was suggested later that the New Zealanders were not, trying their utmost to win and Peter Blake, New Zealand's general manager added fuel to that argument when asked Were the Kiwis sandbagging?" "That's for us to know and you to find out," he

RESULTS: Second reco: Espena '82 (P Campos, Sp) bt The Kronor (G Kranz, Swe), 4:22; Nippon (C Dickson, Japan) bt Challenge Australia (P Tourspion) 8:52; Il Moro di Vanezia (P Cayard, II) bt New Zestend (R Devis), 2:14; Vite de Peris (M Peoti, Fr) bt Spirit of Australia (P Gilmour), 11:00. Oversit: 1 equal, Il Moro di Verezia, Nippon and Espena '82, 2:0; 4 equal, Nasv Zestand and Ville de Paris, 1:1; 8 equal, Tourspion, Spirit of Australia and Challenge

Archer prepares for Dutch debut

SIMON Archer, the English junior champion, and Peter Knowles, who lies second in the European grand prix points table, may earn their first full England caps in The Netherlands next month (Richard Eaton writes).

They were included vesterday in the Thomas and Uber Cup squads for the preliminary rounds in Den Bosch

from February 16 to 23. The Worcestershire teenager and the 22-year-old from Maidstone are among the nine men headed by the former European champion, Darren Hall.

The nine women selected include Joanne Wright, the former world junior mixed doubles champion, who was involved in a victory over the

FOR THE RECORD

All England finalists, Kimiko Jinnai and Hisako Mori, during her England debut against Japan this season. ENGLAND SCUADS: Marc D Hall (Es-ENGLAND SCHADE: Menc D Hall (Enes), S Buster (Warwschaire), A Metsen (Surrey), P Knowles (Kent), M Ponting (Hertfordeire), D Wright (Yorksten), A Goode (Hertfordeire), G Hent (Lenselve), S Ancher (Worestershire), J Muggeridge (Kend), J Bradbury (Odordeire), S Louis (Devon), F Smith (Surrey), J Wright (Sussex), G Clerk (Surrey), G Gowert (Hertfordeire), S Sankey (Lancestere),

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Miandad is out of World Cup

JAVED Miandad, Pakistan's most accomplished batsman, is out of the World Cup after hurting his back during weekend training.

Miandad's name was miss-ing when the Pakistan board announced a squad of 15, to be reduced to 14, before the tournament starts on Febru-

Marathon defence

Athletics: Yakov Tolstikov will defend his ADT London Marathon title on April 12. The race organisers announced yesterday that Tolstikov, aged 32, would lead a strong team from the Commonwalth of Independent States, which, they said, would be using the event to incorporate its Olympic trial.

Drugs trial

Football: Andrea Carnevale and Angelo Peruzzi, who each served one-year suspensions from playing in the Italian league for using banned drugs, are to stand trial in May on charges of supplying

More backing

Equestrianism: Audi has extended its backing of the Blenheim International horse trials for a further two years.

Bangkok event Snooker: A league competition with a prize-fund of £260,000 will take place in

Bangkok, starting in March. Deuchar again Real temais: The world No. 1, Lachie Deuchar, the British-

based Australian, retained his US Open championship by beating Chris Bray, the Petworth professional, in straight sets.

Longland's reward Cycling: Glenn Longland Britain's champion time trial rider, has been awarded the Bidiake plaque for the outstanding performance of

Rearranged date

Rugby league: The Silk Cut Challenge Cup first-round tie between Widnes and St Helens has been put back to Sunday. The second-round draw, due last night, has been switched to tornorrow.

Sainz stavs ahead

Motor rallying: The defending champion, Carlos Sainz, of Spain, maintained his overall lead in the Monte Carlo rally yesterday but Didier Auriol is only three seconds behind.

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BRAZILIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE:
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2, Goles 1

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FOOTBALL: Rumbelows Cup Fifth round replay POSTPONED: Middlesbrough y Pale

Barclays League Second division

Third division Fulham v Wigan
Huddersheld v Huli
Leyton Orient v Shrewsbury (7 45)

Fourth division

Walsell v Northampton (7.45) GM Vauxhall Conference. Kettering v Macclesfield **Autoglass Trophy** Northern section

Burnley v Scarboroogh., Tennents Scottish Cup Third round Dunder v.Strting... Third round replay

Second division Brechin v Stranzer
Clyde v Albion
East Pife v East Stirting
Stenhousemuir v Dumbarton

Stanhouserma'r v Dumbarton

HPS LDANS LEAGUE: Challenge Cup:
Mailock v Rossendale Utd. Premier
division: Croirey v Southport, Marine v
Fleetwood.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First
division: Coventry v Uverpool (7.0);
Retherban v Sheffield Wed (7.0); Sheffield Browning (7.0); Retherban v Sheffield Wed (7.0); Sheffield Browning (7.0); Preston v
Brackerd V Nottin Forest. Second division: Derby v Backpool (7.0); Notta
County v Southborpe (7.0); Preston v
Webvarbanapton (7.0); Vort v Leicester
(7.0); Postponed: Oddnen v Hull (7.0);
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DIADORA LEAGUE: Southern
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Southerouth v Yate, Bridgnorth v Handeley.
CUFFON STOCKBROKER'S LEAGUE:
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Candid City. BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF VASLAND: RUGBY UNION SCHMEPPES WELSH CUP: Massing v Nashridge (7.0) CLUB MATCHES: Pontypool v Pensith (7.0); Pontypidd v S Wales Police (7.0); Cancelled: Glamorgen Ward v Linnall. RUGBY LEAGUE SRLK CLIT CHALLENGE CUP: Don-caster v Swinton (7 30): Saford v Wigan (7 30): Whitehaven v Shelfield (7.15). Postponed: Widnes v St Helens.

BOWLS

CARDIFF: WBA national otempion-ships: Segles: Semi-finals: T. Sullivan (Swamase) bit A Alphood (Caroffi), 21-10; D. Evians (Estimated of the Hugh (Limidi), 21-17; Thata: Sullivan in Evena, 21-13. Under-25. Singles: Semi-finals: J. Greenslade (Caroff) bit B Provid (Swamase), 21-6. J. Stophens (Berthyr Tyofis) bit Owners (Pambondante), 21-16. Finals: Greenslade bit Staphens, 21-5. Painte Greenslade bit Staphens, 21-5. Painte Greenslade bit Staphens, 21-5. Painte Greenslade, 18-17; J. Forey said J. Glover (Lanell) bit D. Harging and Greenslade, 18-14. Finals: Forey, and Glover by Edwards and Terry, 22-9. Triplace: Semi-finals: U.snall (A Evans) bit Lanell (K. Don), 23-13; Pembrokeshire (D Jonse) bit Caroffi (R Wisson), 23-13; Pembrokeshire (S Evans) bit Merthyr Tydlii (C Lewis), 21-15; Caroffi (R Greenslade) bit Vale of Gleenvorgen (J. A. Morgan), 18-17. Finals: Caroffi (R Greenslade) bit Vale of Gleenvorgen (J. A. Morgan), 18-17. Finals: Caroffi (R Pembrokeshire, 19-14.

ANTERSELVA, Ruly: World Cup events
Mart: 10km: 1, A Popov (CS), 27min
04,3ec; 2, R Gross (Ger), 27.42.5; 3, J A
Tyrkhum (Nov), 27.46.7, Postforms: 1, A
Zingerle (19), 95phr; 2, Tyrkhum, 88; 3,
Popov, 80; 7. Sken veloger; 1, may, vitu 25min
09,1sec; 2, CS, 1;21.05.2; 3, Norwey,
1;21.17.9, Postforms: 1, may, vitu 25min
1, D Petcherskein (CS), 24;21.7; 2, G
Hythalamon (Nov), 24;23; 3, A Resistova
(CS), 24;31.9, Postforms: 1, P Schaef
(Ger), 119bts: 2, Y Golovinia (CS), 90; 3, A
Britand (Fr), 98, 3 x 7,5km; ruley: 1,
France, Int 12min 14.3ec; 2, Germanny,
1:13:21.7; 3, CIS, 1:13:39.1, Postforms: 1,
Germanny, Stipts; 2, France, 52; 3, CIS, 50.

BEOUL: South Korean Open championshipes Meric Singles: Final: W Wenkels
(Chine) bit A B Kusume (redo), 15-7, 15-11.
beating: Final: K theoreon and P Boobong (S Kor) bit I Yongbo and T Bingyl
(Chine), 15-10, 15-10. Women: Singles:
Final: T Jahning (Chine) bit B Soo-hyan (S
Kor), 15-10, 15-10.
ROYAL BANK OF BCOTLAND COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: First division:
North: Lottenn 8, Worcestershire 8,
Yorkshis 8, Larcashire 7, Sound division:
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Buckinghamshire 8; Souse: 12, GlouceeIsrahire 3. SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Methourne: Week am Australia 397 and 222-8 dec (D R Martyn 105 not out); Victoria 308 and 95-

and 138, Natal won by 79 nams.

RED STRIPE CUP: St Johns: Windward blacks 193 DHF witness 50; W K M Semantial 457; and 2-9 LH R bearry 102; HA G Aresony 4-57, C E. Anthrono 4-70; Lawword blacks 342 (P & Richardson 82) and 105-2 Gr. L. Arthruton 51 not out) Part of Souther Trinsdate and Tobago 250 (B C Lars 195: D D Gilbean 7-78), and 258-4 dec (P V Stemment 7-7. C Variation 55); Barbadon 109 (A H Gray 4-23, H Dhantral 4-55); and 35-2 Kingston; Guyerra 173 (S Dhantral 57, H A Harper 57; C A Watch 5-51; Jernalica 171; JC Adjuste 57; L A Joseph 5-51; and 67-3.

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139, Strikern 109, Blockport 100, Workenhampton 88, Nottinghown 59, Stempton 89, NoterFarenhom 55, Gallinghown 59, Stempton 89, 129,
Farenhom 55, Gallingham 69, Lancing 8 122,
Eastbeigh 128, Maldon 108, Bactanham 100,
Wormer, Northern conference; Leeds 151,
Coversby 114, Stamps 114, Manchester 221,
Walverhampton 112, Rochester 101, Bestinghomer,
and conference Person 36, Eastbeigh 139,
Palarborough 128, Iperatri 131, Democra All
Blacks 175, Rochastly S3, Wallingborough
117, Edmonton 114,

ANTWERP: Stu-day event (standings after third right): 1, P Peters (Neth) and JJ Fretter (Swizz, 22 pts; 2, S You're (Bet) and J Veggerby (Den), 186; 3, E. De Wide and J Bruynes (Bet), 132. One top behind: 4, P Blacolistis and A Baff (8), 161; 5, B Hylenweger and W Slertz (Switz), 125; Three laps behind: 6, A Doyle (GB) and J Midden (Neth), 121. Midden (Nath), 121.

HANWELL: BCCA inter-eres cyclo-cross team chempionship: 1. D Satur-ryorks), 1hr 03min 25ec; 2. 3 Marshall (Jincs and Humberelde), at 2min 03ec; 3. R Hammond (London), at 211. Teams: 1. London (R Hammond, D Spooker, 8. Bruce, 8 Saunt). 18pas; 2. Yorkahre, 32, 3. atorih West, 67

FOOTBALL. OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Want Flan 1, Washind J. OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOUR-IAMENT: Asian group: South Koree 1, Japan 0 (in Kuela Lumpur). FREESTYLE SKHING

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LAKE PLACID: World Cap event: Aeriak
Men: 1, P LaSoche (Can), 224 40, 2, K
Feddersen (US), 213,79, 3, T Worthoopton
(US), 202.91; 4, D Mede (Fr), 201.91; 5, R
Fuend (US), 198.37, 6, E Bergousi (US),
191.57, Sitendinge: 1, LaRoche 99, 2,
Worthington, 91; 3, Feddersen, 82, Combined: 1, Worthington, 60, 2, 7 Glog (Fr),
41.2; 3, E Laboureu (Fr), 30, 7 Standinge: 1,
Worthington, 60, 2, D Beiltumer (Can),
54, 3, H Bonatti (Austria), 53, Nations
Cup: 1, United Staten, 1,653; 2, Carselin,
1,511; 3, France, 1,442, Womer: 1, E.
Simchen (Car), 150, 40; 2, M Undgen
(Swe), 150, 15, 3, K Porter (US), 143, 143, 91; 4,
C Brand (Switz), 142,90; 5, 5 Michaldis
(US), 137 72; 6, 5 Binner (US), 137, 72; 6, 5 Binner (US), 137, 26; 6, 2
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Carry (GB), 25, Combined: 1, M Scheid
(Switz), 25, 24, C Kissing (Switz), 25, 13,
3, Porter (US), 24, 70, Standinge: 1,
Kuberia(Cari), 25; 4, Curry, 25

COLF PHOENDI, Artzone: Phoenix Open: Final scores (US unless stated) 256 in all Calcaveccine, 69, 65, 67, 63 259 D Wakiori, 68, 68, 67, 67, 271* R Mechate, 69, 88, 69, 67 272* J Huston, 89, 64, 69, 70; M O'hienra, 70, 68, 65, 69; J Debing, 86, 65, 69, 72 273* B Letzke, 73, 67, 67, 68; S Helberg, 89, 70, 69, 68; E Fiori, 72, 63, 70, 68, N Price 2,2ml, 66, 66, 71, 69; R Loir, 69, 69, 77, 70 FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida: Wosser's materiality tournaments Final: C Lawthert (Scot) by V Thomas (Wales), 5 and 4

SQUASH RACKETS GRANTHAM: East Midlends Electricity Open Championships: Semi-finals: Ment G Wison (NZ) on C Van der Wege (SA), 199, 9-7, 9-4, P Nicot (Scot) bt A Harrison (Eng), 6-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-1 Women: Sami-Bruks: C Jectman (Eng) bt P Beans (NZ), 9-1, 9-2, 9-8, A Wray (Eng) bt S Fellon (Eng), 9-7, 6-9, 3-9, 9-5, 10-8.



Carlos Sainz slim lead in Monte Carlo Rally

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE First division

MOTOR RALLYING BEONTE CARLO RALLY: Leaders (after 18 stepas): 1, C Senz (Sn), Toyots Celca, Shr Smin 17acc; 2, D Auriol (Fr), Lancia Delta, at Sacc; 3, J Kanidumar (Fn), Lancia Delta, 17th 40sc; 4, F Delecour Longou Lests, PRES 4455C, 4, P. DRESCH, (Fr), Ford Serra Cosworth, 506: 5, T. Salonen (Fr), Diffusiohi Galant, 7 10: 6, P. Bugalele (Fr), Lunca Delta, 749; 7, T. Malonen (Fn), 11-51; 8, M. Biesson (N), Ford Sierra Casworth, 13 03: 9, F. Chatnot (Fr), Niessn Surry, 13 20: 10, C. Spillotts (Mongoo), Fard Same Cosworth, 33-54.

REAL TENNIS NEW YORK, UE open championship.

Quarter-tipales: I. Deuchar (Aus.) bit M. Devine (GB), 65. 46, 6-0, 6-5; R Fetney (Aus.) bit F Filippetii (Aus.) 1-8, 8-4, 8-3, 2-8, 8-2; C Stray (GB) bit M Gooding (GB), 6-3, 3-8, 5-8, 8-5, 8-4; J Show (GB) bit J Howard (GB), 6-5, 6-4, 6-4, 6-8 Finite Deuchar bit Faney, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; Bray bit Show. 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 6-6, 6-3; Finite Deuchar bit Bray, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

GLUB MATCH: Hierdweck bit Pobeomit, 3-2.

TABLE TENNIS NISHINOMIYA: World All Stars tour-nament: Third lag: Quarter-linels: J-O Watcher (Swe) bi H Shibutan (Jepan), 21-16, 21-19; M Wenge (China) bit Y Shentong (China), 21-18, 13-21, 21-17; K Tae-soo 15 Korea) bit E Lunch (Swe), 21-14, 21-17, J-P Gatten (Fr) bit J Rosskopi (Get), 21-17, 21-11. Semi-finals: Watcher bit Ma, 21-18, 13-21, 21-15, Kim bi Gatten, 21-7, 21-18, 15-21, 21-15, Kim bi Gatten, 21-7, 21-18, 15-21, 21-15, Kim bi Gatten, 21-7, 21-18, 15-21, 21-15, Kim bi Gatten, 21-7. 21-13. Final: Ken bi Waldner, 21-11.
21-18, 24-22.
ST NEDTS: County Chemplonehip: Premiter division: Bedfordshire D. Middle-sex 10: Sussey 1, Lencashire 9, Surrey 5, Bertanitre 8; Yorkshire 5, Devon 8; Lancashire 8, Bedfordshire 2: Devon 7; Surrey 3, Middlesex 4, Yorkshire 8; Bertshire 5, Sussex 4, Surrey 8; Middlesex 8, Devon 4, Bedfordshire 9, Bertshire 10; Yorkshire 4, Lancashire 6, Lancashire 6, Middlesex 4; Surrey 8, Bedfordshire 9, Middlesex 4; Surrey 8, Bedfordshire 9, Bertshire 3, Yorkshire 7; Devon 6, Sussex 2, Devon wn tible TENNIS AUCKLAND: Women's tournament:
First round: C Tessi (Arg) bt K Adams
(US), 64, 64, 8 Testud (Fr) bt K
Osięskius (Ger), 63, 84; 5 Stannet-Lundy
(US) bt C Tolesfos (NZ), 64, 7-5, R White
(US) bt K Godridge (Aus), 4-6, 6-1, 8-1; V
Martinet (Ger) bt K Rinald (US), 7-5, 4-6,
6-4 Section 8 (LSF) DT R. Handard (US), 7-6, 4-5, 6-4
ATP: Rankings: 1. S. Edberg (Swe), 3,672-3, M. Stehn (Ger), 2,648; 4, P. Sampras (US), 2,492; 5, B. Beckler (Ger), 2,244; 6, I. Lendi (C2), 2,271; 7, G. Forget (Fr), 2,270, 6, E. Sánchez (So), 1,583; 9, P. Konda (C2), 1,557; 10, K. Novaczk (Cz), 1,532, Montey waruners: 1. Cautrer, 5278,850; 2, Edberg, 3141,735; 3, P. Krajicek (Neth), 388,435, 4, W. Ferrerar (S.A., \$22,833, 5, M. Woodforde (Aus), \$73,120; 6, T. Woodfordige (Aus), 573,120; 6, T. Woodfordige (Aus), 573,550, T. Schollege, 550, T. Scholle

YACHTING SYDNEY: 18it skiff world champlon-shipe: Fifth hear: 1, Asm (J Bethwale), 2, Fab An (A Young), 3, Pace Express (D Witt) British: 7, Childflight (M. Loneso, 12, Chase Lersure (R Entweste), 13, Complan (D Ovington), Satth hear: 1 Asm, 2, Winheld (M. Spies), 3, Rak (G Turner) British: 8, Childflight, Overell (provisional) 1, Asm, 2, Pace Express; 3, Winfield British: 8, Childflight, 10, Ovington; 18, Chase Letsure RACKETS

CHARTERHOUSE SCHOOL: Henderson British professionals champ-ionship: Semi-finals; SN Hazzel bit D J Makey, 15-8, 15-2, 15-12, P Smith bit P Brake, 15-7, 15-10, 15-7 Final; Smith bit Hazzel, 15-7, 15-10, 15-7 Final; Smith bit Hazzel, 15-3, 15-8 17-14, SCHOOLS MATCH: Malvern (M Hubbard and A Scampell bit Hersey (C Decision and and A Scammell) bt Harrow (C Danby and H Foster), 18-15, 15-10, 16-17, 15-9, 10-15, 13-18, 15-2. SKIING

MORZINE, France: Women's World Cup: Giant Statom: 1, C Merle (Fr), 2min: 16.97 acc, 2, D Compagnoni (ft), 2.17.15, 3, D Roffe (US), 2.18.27, 2.18.27, 4, E Twardokens (US), 2.18.70, 5, V Schneder (Switz), 2.18.80, 8, U Maler (Austra), 2.19.66, 7, C Guignaro (Fr), 2.20.75, 8, P Wiberg (Swe), 2.20.91; 9, 8 Auer (Austra), 2.21.13, 10, 8 Eder (Austra), 2.21.16 Glernt statom standings: 1, Merle, 411pts, 2, Schneder, 391, 3, Compagnoni, 344, 4, Roffe, 270; 5, Twardokens, 29; World Cup standings: 1, Schneder, 751pts; 2, 2, Mests, 687, 3, P Kranberger (Austra), 542, 4, Compagnoni, 590, 5, K Sazzinger (Ger), 582, 5, S Ginther (Austra), 509.

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Sunday: Washington Capitals 5, Pittsburgh Per-guins 4; Buffalo Sabres 5, Wantipeg Jets 2; Montreal Carediena 3, Hartford Whal-WALES CONFERENCE Service verges 1,645... 14 30 5
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Poland 1. Caschipstovakis 8 1. LUGE CALGARY: World Cup event: Women's singles: 1 G Weasenstvier (It). Thin 32.086eec, 2. A Tagwerker (Austra), 1.32.317; 3 A Nouner (Austria), 1.32.547 132.317; 3 A Neuner (Austrie), 132.547 Final cup standings; 1 S Erdmann (Ger), 71pte, 2 C Myler (US), 70; 3 D Neuner (Austrie), 57 Men's doubless: 1 HRaffi, N Huber (II), 1:31.146; 5 Hald, P Rudolph (Ger), 1:31.365; Final cup standings; 1, Raffi, Huber, 100gts, 2 Mankel, Rudolph, 75; 3, Krausse, Behrendt, 73

SHOOTING

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand; international match (300, 600, 900 and 1000 yeards); Gold teams: 1, Great Britain; 1,494 (389 43, 386 42, 374.31, 345 193; 2, NZ South Island, 1474 119 (381.39, 389 36, 379.28, 331 14) Silver teams: 1, GB, 1,500, 119 (588 30, 389.38, 374.27, 348.14), 2, South Island; 1,432.69 (375.21, 378.40, 357.22, 322.5), Individuals: Gold: A Tucker, 194, P Bromley, 192, A Clarke, 191 Silver; J Jackman, B Hyam, D Hossack, all 188, Individual events: 300 yeards: 1, Hossack, S0 7, 2, Tucker, 50 6, 3, J Dodison (NZ), 50.5 600 yeards: 1, V Carpenter, 50 7, 2, H Calder (NZ), 49 7, 3, B Baker, 49 8, Aggregate: 1, Dodison,

OFFER FOR IMMEDIATE SALE 4 BUSINESS BERENTURES AT TWICKERHAM RUGBY GROUND

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TUESDAY JANUARY 28 1992

Crystal Palace lose patience with England man

Angry Coppell puts Gray on the transfer list

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ANDY Gray, the England international midfield player, is set to leave Crystal Palace after suffering a stinging rebuke from his manager, Steve Coppell, and being placed on the transfer list. Coppell yesterday accused Gray of cast-ing a cloud over first-team training sessions and having an adverse effect on other players at Selhurst Park.

"I think I'd lose the respect of the vast majority of the other players if I allowed it to continue," Coppell said. "Gray has been at odds with me and the club for quite a while. He hasn't really participated from a training point of view for more than six weeks, and I feel I should do something about it.

"His recent performances have been way short of what he is capable of. I hope this will give make him appreciate what he has at Palace and make him want to perform for the club rather than him-

Gray, who was capped for

JOE Kinnear, who took over

as Wimbledon's manager last

week, was yesterday charged

with misconduct by the Foot-

ball Association. Kinnear

was reported after a reserve

comments to the referee and

linesman and has 14 days to

request a personal hearing,"

The Crystal Palace manag-

er. Steve Coppell, charged

with a similar offence after

the game against Manches-

ter City, has told the FA that

he will not be appearing be-

fore a disciplinary tribunal.

Howard Wilkinson, of Leeds

United, has yet to respond

after alleged comments to

Sheffield Wednesday.

an FA spokesman said.

match earlier this month.

in England's European championship qualifying game against Poland in Poznan, recently signed an im-proved contract with Palace. Indeed, earlier this season, the club rejected approaches from Chelsea with a view to a

El million transfer. Since then, however, the relationship between club and player have soured. "He should be one of the best players in the country," Coppell said. "He should be playing for England. He has got to get himself sorted out. I can only turn a blind eye to his attitude in training for so long. I hope he buckles down. If not, someone else can try to get the best out of him."

Gray responded: "I don't want to get into a slanging match with Palace. It's best to let them have their say and see what happens. I wasn't expecting to be put on the transfer list today. I've been happy with my performances and I'll continue to do my best for the club until things

cle in the wake of his move

from Arsenal, and the Aston

Villa goalkeeper, Les Sealey,

who was yesterday charged

with bringing the game into

disrepute after his end-of-

match outburst against

last Saturday. Micky Hazard, of Swindon

Town, could face an FA mis-

conduct charge after police

yesterday accused him of in-

citing the crowd in the week-

end FA Cup fourth-round

win at Cambridge United, A.

full report is being sent to the

FA by the police. Another

Kinnear facing a

disrepute charge

"I don't know what they are asking for me, but if I do leave it will be for professional and not financial reasons."

Gray, who in his second spell at Selhurst Park, cost £500,000 from Queen's Park Rangers in August 1989 and immediately helped Palace into the FA Cup final. He has also played for Aston Villa.

Terry Venables yesterday ffectively ruled another Eng land midfield man, Paul Gas-coigne, out of the European championship finals in Sweden this summer. The chief executive of Tottenham Hotspur revealed Gascoigne, who is working his way back to fitness after severely injuring his knee in last season's FA Cup final, is unlikely to be playing again until mid-

That is a month after the deadline the England man-ager, Graham Taylor, laid down for Gascoigne to recover and earn a place in his squad. Gascoigne had said he was hoping to be fit in time for Tottenham's European Cup Winners' Cup fixture with Feyenoord, of The Netherlands, on March 4.

Gascoigne would want to play as soon as possible, but we must follow the medical guidance of the professionls," Venables said. "No medical official of Spurs has set a time target for full fitness. He has made excellent progress under very close supervision and, whilst things look positive, we would not envisage any level of competitive foot-

ball until mid-April." Alan Ball was yesterday vited by Taylor to help Enland's prearations for the finals in Sweden. Ball will help with the build-up for the games against France on February 19. "I've invited Alan to join us because of his tremendous enthusiasm and commitment to the game," Taylor said.

The Hungarian international, Istvan Kozma, is having a week's trial with Liverpool. Kozma, aged 27, a midfield player, is presently under contract with Dunfermline Athletic, the Scottish club, and has long been admired by the Liverpool manager, Graeme Souness.

know a great deal about him from my days at Rangers," Souness said yesterday. "He is an international who had experience at the top level with Bordeaux.

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

IN AUCKLAND

NEW Zealand's equivalent of

the Lord's Test, their mid-

summer cricketing show-

piece, begins at Eden Park on Thursday, but the people of

Auckland are not exactly clamouring for tickets. The

impressively reappointed sta-

dium can hold 40,000; local

opinion yesterday was that

the aggregate attendance

over five days could be little

more than half that number.

Cricket here is in financial

crisis. The World Cup is ex-

pecied to help, but may yet prove an expensive luxury. In

the meantime, Test matches

are increasingly being seen as

the province of those with

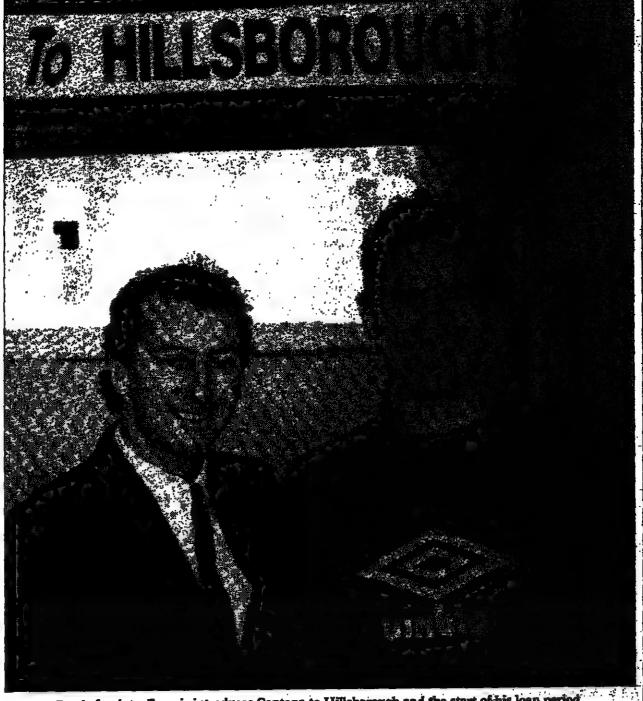
nothing better to occupy

them until the next one-day

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE Commonwealth Games

game comes along.



Ready for duty: Francis introduces Cantona to Hillsborough and the start of his loan period

Cantona is made welcome

BY TAN ROSI

FOR a man who, in the past, al satisfaction from promoting an image of youthful rebellion. Eric Cantona cut a figure of diplomatic innocence yesterday.

Cantona marked his arrival in England with just one, distinctly low key, display of petulance. He refused to allow French journalists and photographers to attend a press conference which had at convened Hillsborough to announce the start of his loan period

with Sheffield Wednesday. If the gifted but notoriously unpredictable Cantona can impress Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, over the next six days, he will remain at the club until the end of the season.

Should he prosper on the field while successfully inte-

England is now anachro-

nistic, both in its official atti-

tude to Test cricket and in the

public response. Only in Eng-

land are any Test matches sold out, and the principal

reason is the prudent limita-

tion of one-day internation-

als, both in number and

thriving black market for Test

match tickets in India. Now it

is the buyer who can name his

price. In Australia. Pakistan

and West Indies, attendances

have been sliding alarmingly

ever since the thrust of their

game's marketing was

The same thing has hap-

pened here, and it is spread-

ing. No sooner had a few

hours' play been lost on the

first day in New Plymouth

last Friday, than it was being

put to the touring side, by

switched to one-day cricket.

Ten years ago, there was a

profile.

grating himself into the was subsequently doubled for South Yorkshire community, a verbal assault on the discia permanent move between Wednesday is a distinct possibility. The clubs have already provisionally agreed on a transfer fee of around £900.000.

Until last week, when Francis sought to compensate for the loss, through injury, of David Hirst, the England international forward, by inviting Cantona to these shores. the self-styled enfant terrible of the French game was resigned to pursuing a career outside sport following his retirement from professional football in November.

A chequered career which had embraced brief spells at five leading French clubs ap-peared to be over when he announced that he was unwilling to accept a suspension imposed for throwing the ball at a referee, a sentence which

One-day takeover limits Test appeal

local officials, that they might

prefer to play two one-day

games, "to get a good crowd in". The idea, thankfully, was

If cricket officials are think-

ing that way, it is small won-

der that the public has lost its

taste for the traditional form

of the game. The first Test at

Christchurch drew a pitiful

five-day attendance of

11.768. Three days before it

began, almost as many

watched a provincial limited-

overs final on the same

Cricker Association said it

would regard a crowd of

8.000 on any day of this

week's Test as a reason to be

thankful. Five years ago, it

conceded, double that

number would have been ex-

pected on both weekend days.

Expense is not a persuasive

Yesterday, the Auckland

thrown out,

ground.

plinary committee which had ed to discuss the initial offence. That sentence was halved in France yesterday. Cantona, who has scored

14 goals in 21 appearances for his country, conceded yes terday that but for Francis's surprising intervention it is conceivable he would have been premarurely lost to football. Speaking through Jean Jaque Bertrand, his solicitor, who undertood the role of interpreter, Cantona said: "I had decided not to play again, until, that was, Shelfield Wednesday gave me this chance. I would not have played in Spain or Italy only in England.

"I want to prove something in English football and show my talent. The English game is very physical and is a lot less tactical than it is in France. Playing in this sum-

deterrent. Even in a depres-

sion, which is biting here as

hard as it is in England, a

daily ticket price of £5 to sit

anywhere in the ground does

Peter McDermott, the

chairman of New Zealand

Cricket, said: "We have to

accept that there is a chang-

ing pattern to the way people

some ribald criticism, howev-

watch cricket." In the wake of

er, McDermott admits that

changes may also be neces-

The brash, upbeat and

Americanised image which is

being promoted for the New

Zealand team is dubious

enough. When they are being

outclassed, as they are by

England, it is nothing short

coach. Warren Lees, agrees

up to a point. "One or two

Even the New Zealand

of preposterous.

Bids for Games boost Commonwealth cause

sary in selling the game.

not seem excessive.

mer's European championships for my country is very important to me because that is the pinnacle of achieve ment for any footballer."

Predictably, both Francis and Cantons declined to discuss the rather unsavoury events of the recent past. "We thought that we might need an interpreter but football is a common language." Francis

"Chris Woods is currently learning French and can converse a little with him. Also, Cantona has said that he has got his hands to speak for

Cantona is likely to don a Wednesday shirt for the first time tomorrow night when he is scheduled to make a brief appearance at the Sheffield Arena in a six-a-side challenge match against Baltimore Blast, the North American Indoor League champions.

impressionable, have been

told they were great players

and began to believe it. The

are the sort who might be

Guns thing."

Eubank tries to soften image

BY SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT

FOR the first time in his career of 29 contests. Chris Eubank shook the hand of an opponent yesterday. Eubank defends his World Boxing Organisation super-middle weight title against Thulane "Sugar Boy" Malinga, of South Africa, on Saturday and when called on to shake Malinga's hand for a photocall at Birmingham the champion duly obliged. "It's the first time that I can remember staking my oppo-nent's hand, Eubank said.

This departure was not due to any suffering in him - he in the ring he is uncompromising but outside it a good man, "not a nice man, a good man" — but primarily because of a lingering sadness about the state of health of Michael Watson, his last

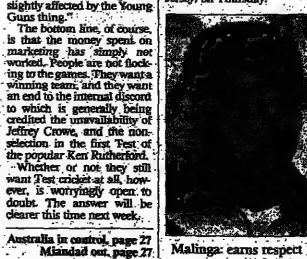
It was also to show respect to his opponent and softening the image "given to me by the press" "I call him Thulane. I don't like his name Sugar Boy - Boy, because of the system in South Africa. It would be all right if he lived here, but coming from a country like South Africa, I do not like the word boy; rate him as a good boxer. I have seen his fights and I picked him because he is an opponent no one can

Eubank went so far as to ay that a return bout with Nigel Benn would not take place if Benn persisted with change, then yes. But the type of frame of mind he has is heading for the Watson type of signation. With that frame of mind, it's not going to nappen.

"Watson is not 25 per cent of what he was. The situation is shocking. I pray that he recovers it's the business side do not like. It's a blood business. People come to see one man draw blood from another. The business side is no good. I can lose my life in there and he [Malinga] can lose his life in there. That's

why I've got to respect him." Eubank said that once he returned to the gym, the memory of Watson was, for the moment, blanked out. 'I'm from the streets; I know all about pressures. I have got to be ruthless. If you're going in there to fight you cannot go in half-cocked. That's the way I've been in sparring sessions. I don't want what happened to Michael Watson to happen to either of us. But I'm going out there to win, and do everything that I can to win

D Evander Holyfield, the world heavyweight champion, is expected to meet Riddick Bowe in Las Vegas on May 8 if he gains clearance from a judge in New Jersey, on Thursday.



Malinga: earns respect

Swindon midfield player, Fitzroy Simpson, has been given a two-match suspension for reaching 21 penalty points, and will miss games with Blackburn Rovers on Saturday and Bristol City

of Liverpool, who faces action because of a newspaper arti-

officials during the 6-1 win at The FA is also waiting to hear from Michael Thomas, next Tuesday. African reflections, page 27 Who will care for them -



It needn't be! The AWT runs an Emergency Pet Care Scheme to ensure that pets are looked after if anything happens to their

The Animal Welfare Trust is also the national Charity which cares for hundreds of unwanted pets every year, until a new loving home can be found - however long it takes. No healthy animal is ever destroyed.

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are among the most entrancing of sporting events. Known as the Friendly Games, they have also produced some memorable competitive moments. But the growth of grand prix meetings and world and continental championships has meant that the Games are struggling to maintain their

> The 1994 Games are to be held in Victoria, British Columbia, but what has most cheered David Dixon, the

secretary of the Games Federation, is that the two bids for 1998 are further advanced in their preparations than the Canadian hosts are for two years' time. Kuala Lumpur and Ade-

laide submitted official applications to host the Games before the deadline last Saturday. Sheffield had been planning to bid, until the British International Sports Committee refused to support the candidature, largely because of the financial disaster of the World Student Games last year. "Both Kuala Lumpur and

Adelaide are two of the strongest bids we have had in recent years. Dixon said yesterday. Victoria has had a lot to do, but the Canadian government received a formal report on the progress of the facilities and that was extremely encouraging."

With the television rights already concluded with Anstralia and Britain - the BBC is again covering the event the one problem is whether Britain's leading athletes can be persuaded to travel to Victoria the week after they have participated in the European championships.

More heartening is the establishment from next weekend of a permanent Games secretariat in London, in accommodation provided free by the Sports Council, a welcome instance of Britain trying to recover some of its lost influence in international sports politics.

The heads of state publicly supported the games at the Commonwealth conference in Harare last year. This is scarcely surprising, given the fact that the Games are the one genuine manifestation of the Commonwealth; What is needed now is financial

support from Commonwealth countries to provide the federation offices with a professional staff for administration, fund-raising and for television and sponsorship negotiations.

Given the small amount of money involved, this should not be beyond the bounds of possibility. The federation will also directly benefit from fixed royalties from a coin programme marketed by the Royal Anstralian Mint

Three other main issues concern the future of the Games. There is the possibility of South Africa returning

to the Commonwealth the chances of countries outside Britain, Australia, Canada and New Zealand staging the Games, and, the addition of team sports to the programme. Nethall will be included in 1998, basketball or volleyball could also be

approved

The Commonwealth Games have an exciting future, provided a few wealthy governments translate their verbal support into a small cash coverant.



Spotlight on Barbara Mills, the City fraud fighter

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Canary's towering triumph

Critics may call it an eyesore but to

Marcus Binney it is an astonishingly

impressive architectural achievement

s developments go, Ca-nary Wharf is in the Amazon class. Not beautiful, but impressive, even astonishing. Already, only months after it was topped out, the tower and its setting are attracting tourists in numbers unprecedented for a commercial development. especially one tucked away in the derelict former dockyards of London's East End.

What impresses first of all is its sheer scale: the 59-storey tower is visible from 20 miles away, an instantly recognisable landmark. Approached in the early evening. when the office lights are blazing. Canary Wharf has something of the drama of Manhattan seen from Brooklyn, a vast cliff of

building rising thing around. But look at a

wharf betwo docks. True, Glympia & York, the developers, have almost doubled the land area by building the head coffer dams ou into the water, but of Zeus' the total length of the wharf is in fact.

than the length of the Mall. So much of Docklands has an unfinished look, with showy buildings surrounded by streets no one could feel comfortable walking along. Canary Wharf, by contrast, springs upon the world, like the goddess Athene from the head of Zeus, mature and fully armed. The trees are 25 or 30 years old, the fountains play, the arcades are

rapidly filling up with shops.

The aim was to provide a sense of completion from day one," says Clifton Page, design co-ordinator of the public spaces.

The key is the masterplan drawn up by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill (SOM), the American architects. Their guidelines imposed a different aesthetic, in some ways harking back to an

For the past 20 years or more the trend has been towards highrise buildings that rise sheer from the pavement, eliminating podi-ums and abolishing any distinction between ground floor shops and the buildings above. At Canary Wharf all the buildings have a distinctive treatment of the lower two storeys, aimed at creating an ambience as individual as the Rue

de Rivoii. "Each of these buildings is enormous," says Adrian Smith of SOM, who designed No 10 Cabot

Square, the second largest

building after the tower. "In Chicago each would occupy a full city block, or at least half of one." While the NatWest Tower took nine years to build. Olympia & York had a three-year deadline if they were to harvest the tax benefits of the enterprise zone. This meant using fast-track build-

ing methods — employing cranes instead of scaffolding — and American architects. "Olympia & York felt they had to go with architects they had already worked with," Mr Page explains. "And, as they had never built anything outside North America, that meant American architects." The one exception is the British practice of Troughton McAslan which convinced them that it could

deliver on time.

are forms familiar

architectural quali-ty? Cesar Pelli's tower has already **'Canary** Wharf been described by Martin Pawley in springs Building magazine as "perhaps the upon the most awe inspiring building to be built world like in Britain this centuty". Mr Pelli says Athene from he chose a square topped by a pyra-mid because these

> elegance, the sense of reaching for the sky, of the best skyscrapers. Mr Pelli imposes an absolute uniformity in the windows, even ingeniously concealing the fact that two storeys, designed as trading

floors, are actually higher. Curiously the most breathtaking part of the tower is the ground floor lobby. While most high-rise buildings have a solid core, Mr Pelli has designed the base of his tower so that one can look straight through the building and out the other side in any direction. As the lobby is nearly 30 feet tall the proportion of open space to mass

is exhilarating.

The element that Olympia & York did not dictate - indeed left wide open - is style; there is no oppressive parade of almost identical buildings. Brick and stone deliberately revive London tradi-

The most unamractive building on the site must be that of Credit Suisse First Boston, designed by 1.M. Pei's practice, now renamed Pei Cobb Freed & Partners. This is an outsize Wagnerian Brünnhilde, bursting out of her corset in three directions. Yet even this hippopotamus is strangely impressive by virtue of its sheer size, and after a while the octagonal biscuit-tin

shape begins to grow on one. Next door is Mr Smith's 10 Cabot Square, which Mr Page



London's latest landmark: the "fantastic" 59 storeys of the tower seen from Cabot Square

says is most popular with visitors. Mr Smith has deliberately responded to the London context with panels of traditional stock bricks, and what appears to be Portland stone, although in fact it is deverly handled pre-cast concrete made up with stone

Inside, he has created a series of marble lobbies, connected by internal shopping arcades. Here he develops a language of classicism without columns, arches, or any rounded forms with piers, blocked capitals, straight lintels and rectangular lunettes above.

Upstairs, a still greater surprise awaits. Atriums are now commonplace but Mr Smith has bucked the trend for indoor gardens and, instead, created a giant classical hall. What is inspired is the way he has adapted a single classical

Order to a space rising nine storeys. Their lower half is like a great barroque saloon with a groin vault; looking up into a second upper hall one sees a back-lit dome

floating high above.

Smith's neighbour at 25, The North Colonnade is a striking contrast, all sleek curtain walling of glass and polished Canadian granite. John McAslan, the architect, explains: "We are a Modernist practice. I wanted to show there were other precedents for mid-rise buildings than turn-of-the-century Chicago.

Budgets, he says, prevented the kind of high-tech fireworks to be found in Sir Richard Rogers's Lloyd's building, or Norman Foster's Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank design. So he went for a "tight skin", with floor-to-ceiling glazing. One distinctive feature is

the use of rounded corners. While all-out reflective glass was kept out of Canary Wharf. Mr McAslan's polished facades provide a fascinating dappled reflection of the

buildings amund. On the south side of the Wharf the most striking buildings are Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates' 20, Cabot Square and 10, The South Colonnade. These are designed as a pair, like a gleaming white sugar cube sliced through by the Docklands Light Railway. On the south they have a sweeping curved façade almost as pronounced as the Unilever building. next to London's Blackfriars

Inside 20, Cabot Square, the richly veined white marble floor is cut in such a way that the veins run continuously across the floor in a mesmerising diagonal pattern,



Platform soul: the roof of the Docklands Light Railway station

like rain driven down a railway

carriage window. By contrast, the soft grey of the marble walls is so perfectly even that you feel you are standing in a Magritte painting, uncertain as to where the true boundaries are. It works so well because the lighting has been balanced with infinite

patience. No 20, Cabot Square, to be occupied by American Express. nas a supero atnum, almost a perfect cube, with square windows echoing the square plans, and a perfect square of 16 fig trees in the centre. Long strands of trailing 'ivy", made of silk, cleverly soften the slightly stark walls.

The shops and public spaces in the centre of Canary Wharf were designed by Mr Pelli. They are airy, spacious and seem at present just a little too polished ever to hum with life. But 50,000 workers must surely put a change to that.

Mr Pelli's final flourish is the roof of the railway station, a not so miniature version of the arched glassed roofs of the great London termini. The drama comes from the billowing ridges and furrows. although it would have been a far more impressive space if the roof had been carried the full length of the platforms. But as Norman Foster is designing the new station for the Jubilee line underground stop at Canary Wharf a further treat is probably in store.

is Canary Wharf a slice of Manhattan in London? Standing in the cold, admiring the lights of a thousand windows, I was reminded instead of Manchester. these are the heirs to the great cliffs of early 19th-century cotton mills: huge open floor plans, rows of identical windows, buildings that impress by sheer size, number and proximity.

Like Canary Wharf the mills were a fantastic sight at night, with every window lit up. They made a show in a very similar way. with great corner towers, gables

and eye-catching entrances. What Olympia & York has brought to Docklands is a 20thcentury version of Blake's satanic mills, swathed in marble and surrounded by trees and fountains. I salute them.

TOMORROW A year in the life of the Queen

When nine-year-olds call you Mister

here's nothing wrong with your sight," the optician said, "it's just that your eyes are 40 and they need a little support." That was two prescriptions ago. The lenses now in my glasses are not so much a light truss, more of an ocular Zimmer

A few years ago, it was the classified ads in Exchange & Man which merged in mushy indistinction before my unglassed eyes. Now it is the television — not the image on the screen, but the instrument in the corner of the room which appears to have bonded with a window. My nine-year-old son squints through my glasses, saying: "How can you see through these?" The other possi-

bility hasn't struck him yet.

By such marks shall ye know
yourself, infallibly, to be middleaged. No argument, no fooling. Another deadly mark in the socket is the appearance of bags over the eyes. I had always carted around a pair of little sports hold-alls under my eyes - and cared for them as if they were marked with a fashionable trade name; my Guccis.

When I was 17 and staying up all night to read Balzze or Gide, I used to shade in some darkness under my eyes with eigenette ash, before I went to school. There was a certain manly distinction, a hint of the businessman's valise, in a little eyebag. Now I can see myself - dimly and wishfully - ending up like Auden, in lines of flesh if not of print, with peepers like a lizard's barely visible beneath folds

Eyes, memory, hearing, hair—all thinning, weakening, waning. My child gave me a hearing aid for my last birthday. It was a big yellow badge with the message, in inch-high letters, "Please shout". He says he will learn sign lan-

guage to communicate with me.
The progress of the years is not all reductive. Waist thickens; thighs expand; hair which departs the scalp flourishes everywhere else - lianas, coils and ropes of greasy black stuff or desiccated grey come weaving over shoulders. on toes, in ears, like weeds in November. Pull one out and three

grow in its place.
What do you do? Report to the fat farm and the depilatory waxworks? Pump that protein on the Nautilus for four hours every day. like Ali McGraw waiting for a script - any script? Leave it

Some distinctive advantages flow from these incontestable signs of decay. There is no doubt in my mind or in anybody eise's MIDLIFE

Neil Lyndon broods on signs of



that I am now middle-aged. By eliminating choice or the realisation of fantasy, the certain fact reduces confusion.

I am happy to find that I no longer see myself opening the bowling for England against Australia at Lord's, nor striking a hattrick in the World Cup final. Those exhausting fancies do not waste my days nor even vex my dreams. They have dematerialised.

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Similarly, walking on city streets is much more restful now that I no longer wonder whether I might have a chance with every goodlooking woman who walks my way. I have no chance. They don't see me. They don't need glasses:

A great change has come over me, which appears to find its correspondence in the outer world. Some 20 years of uncertainty seem to be settling into a shape which. even if it is not lissom or comely, is, at least, definite. Seventeen years ago, when I was

29. I was playing chess with my nine-year-old nephew and he could not fathom my style of play. (It was unusual: I liked to pretend that I was Hitler in the bunker directing the Reich's fleet - Tirpitz and Bismarck as royals, Graf Spee as a bishop. Scharnhorst and Gneisnau as knights, aircraftcarriers as castles, U-boats as pawns and the Führer screaming: Doenitz, you have lost my Tirpitz: you are sacked!").

When I returned to the board after goose-stepping round the room with my finger under my nose to celebrate a scintillating check, he asked me: "Are you a proper man or are you a big

I could see his confusion. At that

been 15 years before - same height, same weight, same clothes, same tastes in music, sports and girls. That boy and I were a cigarette-paper away from each

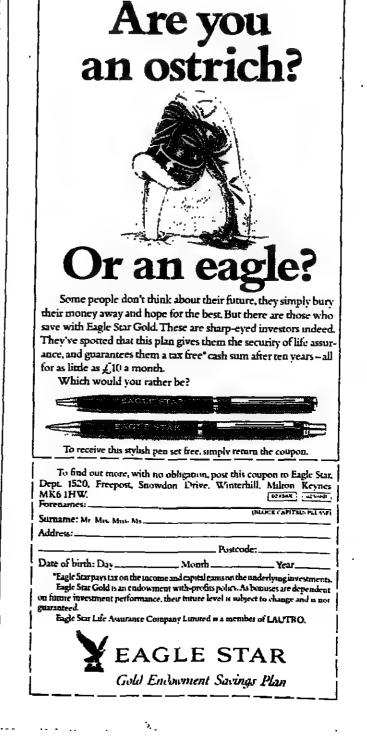
Nine-year-olds do not ask me that question today. They call me "Mr Lyndon" and are inclined to run after me in the street with the stamps and papers I have absentmindedly left on the counter of the village shop. If I am not what they would call a proper man, they do not know one.

Just this evening, my son and I glimpsed Cliff Richard on the television, and the kid said: "He's a bit old to be a rocker, isn't he? I nodded a look of hurt. He said: "You're not a rocker, you dinkle: you're a Dad."

An hour later. I told him that I was going on a motorcycle riding course this coming weekend. "I don't know what's wrong with you," he sighed. "Don't you know that motorbikes are dangerous? Sometimes you act like a

Perhaps I should cancel the course: I don't want anyone taking me for a kid any more.

TOMORROW Lynne Truss on the single life



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FAURE REQUIEM: John Eliot Gardiner takes the Monteverdi Choir and the Orchestre Revolutionnaire et French choral music. Cath and Gilles Cachemaille are the

2 REVIEWS

Oussen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-638 8891), 7 45pm.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: French from a Europie tour of all 12 capital cities, the RPO continues its Fastival Hall series continues its results has series performing Delius a On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring, Sibelius a Violin Concerto and Veuglien Williams a Symphony No 5 Vladinir Ashkeriazy conducts, dapanese musician Midon in poloted in the Station. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-638 3891), 7.30pm

LONDON CITY BALLET: The company's spring tour comes to Derby with two programmes: the first offers a rather eccentric Swan Lake, while the second offers a more promising mix second ones a largeng of the unith Samsova's slagging of the Laurencia Pas de Six, the Gloelle Pas de Deux, Nutrascher Surte and Peter Darrell's Othelio. Ptayhouse, Theatre Walk, Eagle Centre, Derby (0332 363275). 7.30pm.

ALBERTO SAVINIO: Giorgio de Chinco made his reputation more quickly their his younger brother Andrea, known professionally as Alberto Savinio, but he slowly intiit away while Savinio, having on decided to concentrate on pain

produced an pervire of exempler; consistency and power. Which is better, extraordinary heights mat

by abysmal depths, or consistency in middle range? Fortunately, no choice E BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anouth's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry II. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, meta Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

THE CABINET MINISTER: Derei Nammo and Meureen Lipman in a snob bah, kargety unfunny Pinero comedy. ABDery, SI Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-887 115) Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Old fashioned, unexciting version of Scrooge's big night out: Ron Pember adapted and plays the miser. Sadler's Welts, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tues, 2pm, Wed, 10,15am and 2nm There 2nm and

10.15am and 2pm, Thurs, 2pm and 7pm, Fri, 7pm, Sat, 2.30pm and 7pm. 120mms Finel week. DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brien Priel's Olivier Award-winning memory-pley, set in 1930s Donegal, Garriet, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071494 5085) Mon-Bat, Spm, mats Truss, 3om, Sat. 4om, 150mins.

CI A DYBBUK FOR TWO PEOPLE: Bruce Myera, Cortane Jaber play many roles in this Yiddish tale of the pernatural. Accomplished, intense. ampatead, Swiss Coltage Centre, v3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sal, 8pm, mat

E AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droit look at the fantasses of a woman married to a agroot nut. Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075), Mon-Thurs, Spm, Frl. Sat, Spm and 8.46pm. 130m/ns

THE DIGILI CONCETT: Bury The Single Authority Barry
Foster is obsessed with making an Irien
millioneure (Tony Doyle) into the new
Gigt in Torn Murphy's poverful fabre.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-358
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THE LITTLE CLAY CART: Despopritingly charmless version of what could have been an inspiring gumpss of classical indian theatre.

NEW RELEASES

 BLAME IT ON THE SELLBOY (12): Missisken identities in Vernoe. Impersonel, mechine-tooled, old-teshioned large. With Dudley Moore, Richard Griffiths, Paley Kensit. Writer-director, Mark Herman.
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DRIVING ME CRAZY (12r Arrogant brat and working-class stephether-in-waiting battle for supremacy or arross-country journey, Stale, unitesat comedy from John Highes, With Ed O'Neill Ethan Randall ns: Baker Street (071-835 9772) Haymarket (071-839 1527).

 JPK (18): Oliver Stone's contentious, electrifying, three-hour drams about the Kennedy essessination. Kevin Costner as crusating D.A. Jim Gerrison, a bustling supporting cast. Barbican (071-639 8891) Camden Barbican (0/1-358 6681) Cannon Parkway (171-257 7034) Cannon Futham Road (071-370 2635) Empire (071-487 9999) Nothing Httl Coronat (071-727 6765) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-225 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

MA NUIT CHEZ MAUD (12). Enc Rohmer's senous but seductive mor tale, made in 1969. With Jean-Louis Trintignant, Françoise Fabran; plus much with talk about philosophy.

♦ THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG) Tasty feast of black humour, inspired by the 1960s TV span-off from Charles Addams's macabre carbons Starring Raul Julia, Anjetica Huston.
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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and antertainment compiled by Kari Knight.

necessary, Savinlo is well able to stand on his own feet as a Surrealist of disturbing and rather rightmarish vision. This show makes handsome amends for his neglect outside haly Accademia Italians, 24 Rutland Gate. andon SW7 (071-225 3474) Tues (Wed to 8pm), Sun, 2

DRAWINGS AND WATERCOLOURS DRAWINGS AND WATERCOLOURS FROM THE NATIONAL MONUMENT RECORD OF SCOTLAND: The Scottish Monument Record, which calebrates its golden jubiled this year, is, naturally enough, concerned entirely with keeping and creating a record of the historic buildings of Scotland. The Record also collects original designs by important Scottish architects like Bryce and Lorimer, and topographical ce and Lorimer, and topograph drawings by amaleurs and professionals from earlier centuries. All these areas are represented in this

touring show. RIBA Heinz Gallery, 21 Portman Square, London W1 (071-580 5533) Mon-Frl. 11am-5pm, Sat, 10am-1pm, . GOOD ROCKIN' TONITEI: Fifties heyday is recreated in a new musical written, devised and co-produced by tack Good who produced the BBC's Sur-Five Special, the first television programme to have seen programme to bring rock to the British public. Good went on to produce

Grselle, a gentle peasant girl driven to her grave by the betrayal of her ATV's On Boyl, giving television debuts to many rising stars ancluding Cliff Plichard, Brenda Lee, Gene Vincent and Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1086), 7.30pm.

Eddie Cochran, This musical,

premiered in Liverpool last year, tells his alory, interspersed with 60 songs. Opening night Strand, Aldwych, London WCZ (071-240 0300), 7pm

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW:

Raucous, wild, buzarte and in parts deafening, this show never fails to attract audiences. Richard O'Bnen's production, which had an extended

run in the West End last year (now run in the West End isst year (now directed by Christopher Malcoth), receives a nabonwide tour end will visit 18 destinations between now and May. The cast includes Peter Blate, Barry

ine cast includes reter base, barry Howard, Zelle Burrow and Penelope McGirle. After Blackpool the show moves to King's Theatre, Southsea. Grand Theatre. 25 Church Street. Blackpool (0253 26372), 8.30pm.

DIE FLEDERMAUS: Richard Jones's

knockabout version of the Johann Strauss operetta for English National Opera has all the paraphernalia of Fledermaus but the sparkle begins to

Anodermans but the spain as Degrate lade after the first 20 minutes. However a strong cast includes Rosemary Joshua as a Madonma-like Adele, Jamos Wetson as Rosalinda and Malcolm Donnelly singing Essenstein. James

Collseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

ROYAL BALLET: Tonight Sylve

Guillem and Laurent Hilaire portray the lovers in Peter Wright's production of Gradie. One of the most famous ballets of the Romantic etc., it tells the story of

SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve singer-dancers whint through the music of Duke Ellington Obvious routines cannot disguise the five nucleul Duke. (8)006, Shaftesbury Avenue. W1 (071-494 5085) Mon-Fri, Bpm, Sat, 8-30pm,

mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 130mins.

SPREAD A LITTLE HAPPINESS:

Down memory lane with the songs of Vivian Elia: pleasantly English and all

the lyrics are audible. King's Head, Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues Sat, 8pm, mats 3et.

☐ A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two planists in likeable tributs to Cole Porter's wit and wry malodies, Yaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9887). Mon-Fri. Bpm, Sat. 8.30pm, mails Wed, 2.30pm, Sat. 5.30pm, 140mins.

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oldes. Good fun. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Set, 8.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

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Sun, 3.30pm, 150mms

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
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National (Cottesioe), South Bank, 8E1 (071-928 2252), Tonight, tomorrow, 7,30pm, mat temorrow, 2,30pm.

CONCE A CATHOLIC: Welcome THOUSE A SATHOUSE WISCOME return of Marry J. O'Malley's resuping comedy about convent girls growing up between muss and teddy boys. Tricycles, 258 Kaburn High Road, NWB (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat. 8pm, mat Sat Access 18 (Project

☐ PAINTING CHURCHES: Sith Phillips (excellent) and Lestie Phillips as an elderly Boston couple. Jode Lawrence their artistic designter in a quietty touching family play. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (071-839 4401), Nor-8at, 8pm, mats Wed, 8at, 3pm. 120mins.

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleets version of the old thriller: tun by Otlenbach, Verdi and Weber but by Offenbach, Verta and Posterior, On Lloyd Webber, Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5339), Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sect. 160pm, mate Thure, 3pm, Set, 160pm, 160pm,

Z' THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI: Emphaticely menacing "Hitler" portrait by Antony Sher in Di Treves's strong production of Brecht National (Obvier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928-2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Wed, 2pm 170mins.

☐ THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN: Arithur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Tom Conti argues the case for bigarry. Wyndham's, Chering Cross Road, WC2 (071-897 1116), Mon-Sat, 7.20pm mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm, 160mins.

CINEMA GUIDE

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FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15) wary warress (Michelle Pfetter) Synthetic adaptation of Terrende Synthetic adaptation of Terrend McNally's play Director, Garry Marshall

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Generation: Ambassadors (071-836 6111) The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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LIFE IS SWEET (18): Miles Leight's croil, farcical, award-winning comedy about a North London larnily a ups and downs. Starring Alison Steadman. Double-billed with RM-Ratif.

Premiers (071-439 4470).

LITTLE MAN TATE (PG): How and how not to reer a child prodigy. An engaging young player (Adam Hann Byrd) and sensible direction (Jodie Foster) easily offset the facile

Odeon Haymarket (0425 915353). MATADOR (18) Murder, high fashion and anti-Catholic jibes from the intimitable Pedro Asmodóvar, made in 1986. Assumpta Serns and Nacho Martnez as a onc lawyer and bull-lichter chaseast with love and dueth.

fighter obsessed with it Metro (071-437 0757). MERICI LA VIE (18): Time-hopping adventures of two rampaging girls (Charlotte Geinsbourg, Ahouk Gmiberg), Strained variation on Sertrand Blier's first hit, Les Valseuses. varseuses. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelses Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Lumière (071-836 0891).

MISSISSIPPI MASALA (15): Indian MISSISSIPPI MASALA (18): mass displaced from Uganda to Mississified to Mississified to receive and young love. Shar maights, but soggy at the centre. Blarring Sarita Chouchury, Denzal Washington, Director, Mira Nair. Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

PROOF (15): A blind man's photographs bring emotional complications. Intriguing entertainment from new Austra director Jocelyn Moorhouse With Hugo Weaving, Genevieve Proof Ranckr (071-837 8402)

RIFF-RAFF (15) Welcome return of Ken Loach's mervellous, scruffy "stote of life" portrait of a building-stote crew-voted "European Film of the Year" Double-builded with Life is Sweet. Premiene (071-439 4470)

TOTO THE HERO (15): Jaunty, absurdest cornedy about youth, old age and life's disappointments from talented new Belgian director Jaco van Dormsel With Michel Bouquet. Thomas Godet Curzon Mayfalt (071-465 6865)

Touched by his Grace

- THEATRE --

Faith Healer Royal Court

THERE was a moment at the first night of the long-running hit musical Les Misérables when I turned round to look at my fellow-spectators, and saw faces as rapt as those of the earthlings watching the spaceship land in Close Encounters of the Third

Something of the sort happened again in 1990, at the London opening of Brian Friel's Dancing at Lughnasa. His characters clattered round the stage in an ecstasy that, to judge by the atmosphere in the theatre, had seized the audience too.

Yet Misérables has had its dead nights, and, my spies tell me, Lughnasa its droopy ones. And that is one of the contradictions at the core of Friel's Faith Healer, on the face of it the tale of an itinerant Irish shaman, but surely a confessional play about the unpredictability of creative magic.

Be warned. The decade that has passed since its first performance has not made Faith Healer more accessible. For one thing, it comes in four monologues on a stage that seems puritanically furnished even by Royal Court standards of austerity. The healer speaks first and last; his wife and his cockney agent straddle the middle; and it all lasts two-and-a-half hours.

For another thing, their respective versions of the gypsy life they shared are sometimes puzzling, often in-consistent and always highly subjective. That, too, may say something about the dramatist's trade; but it does not make the evening easier.

Yet both the writing and the acting of Joe Dowling's cast can be remark-

ably vivid. A picture emerges of rancorous journeys in a ramshackle van to tatty halls in the Celtic outback. At one speciacular performance in Wales. Frank cures no less than ten people. In the north of Scotland his wife, Grace, gives birth to a black-faced, ossified baby while he dreams

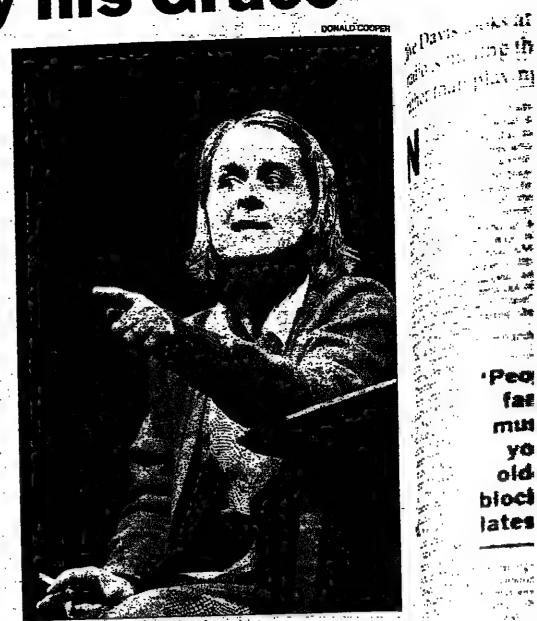
in the heather. After long, frantic months when Frank's powers seem to have deserted him, he leaves Britain for what would appear to be an apotheosis in County Donegal. Yet he dies no wiser about what his inspiration is, why it comes and goes, or how it can be controlled.

Donal McCann, a brooding, wheyfaced figure in a rumpled blue-black suit, catches Frank's singlemindedness, as well as the strain of being enslaved to a gift forever promising but seldom delivering "fulfilment, integration, blossoming". Sinead Cusack, fodornly huddled in a bedsit, powerfully relives the pain of Grace's marriage to this maddening amaigarn of the aloof, obsessive and, just occasionally, magnificent.

It is left to Ron Cook, amusingly earthy as Teddy, the agent, to buttonhole us with his saloon-bar views. Perhaps, as he concludes, Frank's trouble was that he tried over-hard, relying too much on brains, too little on intuition.

That is an accusation that has sometimes been directed at Friel himself. Faith Healer is a tantalising, fascinating play, a theatrical Ror-schach blot which may doubtless be interpreted in other ways. For example, a writer in the Royal Court programme talks a lot about the loss of Irish culture, roots and soul. But at bottom it is a major dramatist's imaginative self-analysis: a tortuous piece, perhaps, but a key one for anybody interested in his work.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Frankly speaking: Sinead Cusack plays the healer's unhappy wife

sound of the violins, for instance, is unpleasantly raw, fragile in intons-

New World SO/ Tilson Thomas Barbican

CONCERT

BUMP. The New World Symphony, also calling itself "America's orchestral academy", had plenty of fanfares blowing before it on its way from Miami. One was led to expect American presence and expertise combined with a dash of youthful risk-taking, perhaps a puppy version of Chicago or Los Angeles. But bump, bump, bump, down we come. Last Friday's concert, the first of two at the Barbican, showed that sights have to be set considerably lower.

Of course the orchestra is not without a sprinkling of good players. The performance of Mozar's C Major Symphony K338 at the start was distinguished by fine playing from the principal oboist: it was good he had the further opportunity offered by the trio of the minuet Mozart added to the work later. There was also a wonderful bellowing racket coming from the tuba in Prokofiev's Second Piano Concerto.

A very great deal more, though, is not going well with this group. The

tion, too often hazardous in ensemble, stumbling in quick figuration, pretty well without phrasing, and almost consistently mezzo-forte: this simply cannot be the cream of would-be orchestral musicians coming out of American universities and conservatories. There must also, surely, be stronger cellists and horn players to be found.

Under the circumstances, with so many of the basic necessities of technique lacking, there is not very much to be said about the performances. The players were probably at their most effective in the Prokofiev, whose weird, savage and sudden gestures seemed to appeal to their imaginations: this was at least a performance of exuberance and colour, all the more welcome given the uniformly rampant and accidentnrone account of the s Joanna MacGregor.

In Brahms's Fourth Symphony, the remaining work on the programme. the orchestra's failings were lamen-tably exposed, and Michael Tilson Thomas's trenchant platform manner seemed rather to encourage coarse playing.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

DANCE

Giselle Covent Garden

NO NEED to wonder what was the quality that made Virginia Johnson's Giselie special on Saturday night, the first of her guest appearances with the Royal Ballet. That innocence she identified in a Times interview last week shone through her performance like the sun through a window, lighting up the whole setting.

To give just one example of how this showed in her performance, I would point to the big solo in Act I. A late addition to the ballet, this can too easily look like a show off number, our of character. Not with Johnson: she gives the movements a gentieness; an almost tentative quality, that fits the adding the touch of panache as exhilaration carries Giselle's selfdoubts away. Hers was not the only debut in this

performance: as Albrecht, Zoltan Solymosi was dancing his first big role in London. Sweeping hair and a strong face give him the look of a true romantic lover, reinforced by the dashing exuberance of his solos (the

double cabrioles in particular had a high, bold clarity and vivid, attentive acting.
But do not be fooled. Note

Solymosi's clear indication to his worried squire Wilfred that he is only after a little fun; also the dark side to his nature revealed by the vehemence of his anger when faithful old Hillarion tries to warn Giselle against him. A less musting girl might have been put off by this, but Johnson's Giseile is so full of love that she sees only what her heart wants to see.

In Act II. of course, repentance brings him to her grave a changed man - or so we are supposed to believe. Perhaps it is excessive sceppicism which makes me suspect that this Albrecht, having cleared his conscience, would soon be making things up with his rich and high-born flancée, which was, after all, the baller's original ending.

Whichever way you read it, the two individually notable performances join into a gripping whole; aided by strong support from Stephen Wicks's painfully racked Hilarion and Elizabeth McGorian's kindly but amused Bathilde. Gillian Revie's excellent arabesque as Zulma (one of the Wills) reveals a promising talent.

JOHN PERCIVAL

THEATRE Medea

Lilian Baylis

BOTH Oedipus and Electra are straightforward plays: they deal in gods and oracles and family curses, but accept that background and the rest persuasively follows. Electra is deranged, but the vengeance she demands fits the crime.

But what of Medea, the foreign princess and witch? When Jason shoves her aside to make a better marriage, she uses her magic art to kill the bride and her father. Reasonable enough, but in order to make Jason really suffer, she then kills the children she has borne him. Yes, this causes her pain, she admits as much, but what is this pain compared with the joy of revenge on the man who betrayed her?

Medea does the deed herself (Electra could only urge a man to do it), which gives her an heroic stature rare among classical heroines, and a special appeal to directors concerned for women's place in the theatre. The last two productions of the

Medea legend, at the Tricycle and the Royal Exchange, Manchester, were both directed by women; and this latest version is directed by Clare Venables, recently appointed artistic director of Monstrous Regiment. But while it is possible to find, in

this early Euripides tragedy, his familiar theme that in human nature violence co-exists with the desire for order, the fact is that here the violence comes from a woman, and a foreigner. General conclusions cannot be drawn, though it is always useful to be shown that all they that take the sorcerer shall perish with the sorcerer. What is really impossible to take is

the argument in the programme that "this powerful story ... could have been written today". Venables sets the play in a white-walled modern room where plates and books and standardlamps are stacked in readiness for the journey into exile. Sue Holland's depressed Chorus has no place in this environment, doing nothing but pick at cracks in the wallpaper as she listens to threats of infanticide. The contemporary speech Venables

gives her new text contains some telling phrases. Recalling her mistress's unwise marriage, the Nurse feels she should "never have

swallowed herself in him. And though expressions of despair are less happy. Medea's irony is neatly revealed. "My husband I do hate, yes." she concedes, with a joky smile to

Within the confines of the modern setting, and the limitations of the play, Ishia Bennison's firecracker Medea convinces as a furious wife. There is a gyosyish quality to her, and something of a hot-headed platethrowing Italian mamma; she even dances a triumphant jig, like Rumpel-

Bennison's voice also dances, savouring the words as though Firbank, of all people, had written them. The style is a way of distancing her humanity from the approaching deed, and works up to a point. That point, of course, is where the infanticide takes over, and the ensuing row with Martin Gower's dull Jason is poor stuff. Richard Owens rurns in some neat

characterisation of the other men, but torn from its archaic world of Ancient Greece, or somewhere comparably exotic, the drama's heart does not beat JEREMY KINGSTON

Mother and son: Ishia Bennison (Medea) and Nick Walker ...

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The hits keep on coming back

Clive Davis looks at the way commercial radio is mining the gold in the oldies rather than playing today's bestsellers

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ostalgia, said Sam Goldwyn, ain't what it used to be. Tell that to the radio executives who run the golden oldies stations. "Gold" programming - the play-ing of classic pop hits around the clock - has been one of the surprise developments of recent years. Originally conceived as a convenient and simple way of filling space on commercial AM (the old "Medium Wave") frequencies, Gold has tapped an audience which clearly feels out of step with the dance and "rave" music which is dominating the current Top 40 charts.

figures — covering the period October. to December 1991 from Jicrar, the industry's own ratings body, show that oldies are continuing to attract listeners from rival stations. In Manchester, for example, the Gold frequency run by Piccadilly Radio has now actually nudged ahead of the station's FM (formerly "VHF")

network in the audience ratings. Curiously, the boom happened almost by accident. The seeds were sown in the Eighties, when the government indicated that it wanted an end to simultaneous broadcasting on FM and AM frequencies, the implication being that AM slots that were not being exploited to the full might behanded over to other operators.

Faced with tight profit margins, companies saw Gold as an easy option. "It was a case of use it or lose it," says Bob Tyler, a radio specialist with RPM magazine. Commercial radio is notoriously hard-up, so if a station had a roomful of old records, Gold seemed like a good solution. It has worked very well with the 35-55 year-olds. People do like familiar music - as you get older you do tend to block off MC. Hammer and the latest dance craze."

Capital Gold, the first 24-hour oldies station, went on the air in London in November 1988, Its breakfast show is currently hosted Biackouth, .io David Hamilton, Paul Burnett and Mike Read. Not for nothing is: it often described as a retirement home for ageing disc jockeys. The average listener tunes in for 10.1 hours each week, compared with 10.4 hours for Capital FM. A spokesman admits that the

company was surprised at the speed at which the venture accumulated a following. One significant source appears to be disaffected Radio 2 fans, upset at the much publicised changes to the schedules and the movement of popular presenters such as Ken Bruce. The BBC network has also lost listeners through its own move to FM-only broadcasting.

As the cynics point out, many middle aged people — the kind, presumably, who are expected to read The Oldie — are baffled by talk of megal-lers. They do not nusic which is dominating the care for using the aerial on the urrent Top 40 charts.

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so increasingly ho-mogenised and unadventurous radio? block off the natively the pro-latest craze in music. Some ous for churning out old chart material with no

regard for merit. Others, such as Capital Gold and Radio Clyde, have won praise for showing some discrimination. The definition of Gold also appears to vary: pro-grammers at Piccadilly Gold, for example, reject the idea that it has to mean non-stop Gerry and the Pacemakers.

We do play the Sixties hits, but we aim at more of a sound which is adult and contemporary," says Keith Pringle, Piccadilly's deputy programme director. "We don't sell oldies as old-time radio. A format based purely on nostalgia is dead. Nobody likes to think their best days are behind them.

There has always been a barrier between the radio generations, but before it tended to be between the young and those who grew up in the era before pop music. Now you find that the division begins at about 25," Pringle continues. "Rave is a yery sectional market. Kids tend to grow out of it after they reach 21, and frankly a ot of it is not good radio.'

Meanwhile, as technology progresses. Gold is becoming a transnational commodity relayed by satellite across Europe. Supergold, which was set up by Chiltern Radio 18 months ago, offers a "neutral programme service" beamed from the Astra satellite



The Rolling Stones in the mid-Sixties, an era that produced much of the music now the staple diet of the "Gold" radio stations

and available to radio stations looking for a low-cost music format. Each hour of oidies contains a total of around nine minutes of "windows" in which local stations can insert their own jingles and advertisements. The service's subscribers include Invicta in Kent, as well as stations in Ireland and Hungary. Talks are also underway with a British supermarket chain. . . .

There is a chance, too, that Gold will gain a national foothold next when on February 4 the Radio Authority auctions off the new national AM frequency. Rumours abound that Capital Radio will decide to put its ample resources into a bid for an oldies network. Within the industry, there is concern that if Capital Gold were to go national, it would

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devastate the existing local competition, pushing many of the stations closer to insolvency.

ost bids are likely to be placed at the very last minute. As yet the application to have been made public has been from Edipse, a consortium which proposes an "experimental and soft-rock" station. Given their numbers - and disposable income - rock fans between the ages of 25 and 45 are not well catered for under the present structure. Spencer, Pryor, Eclipse's spokesman, jokes that his station would play "anything with a guitar in it". His ideal playlist would include The Grateful Dead, Styx. The Cult. Velvet Underground, Van

Morrison and John Lee Hooker.

The bid grew out of a two-month experimental audio transmission relayed from the Astra satellite last rear. When the service was taken off, Edipse received 2,000 letters and faxes from distressed dishowners. Whether the consortium can muster the finances to compete at the auction is another matter, however. One other problem would be that AM is a relatively poor medium for high-

Yet even at Radio I there is agreement that "serious" rock is undersold at the moment. Paul Robinson, editor of mainstream programmes on the network, believes Radio I "does what it can" in terms of rock coverage, within the constraints of the Top 40

quality music, especially in the

Robinson, incidentally, used to be programme director at Supergold. As a poacher turned public service administrator, he argues that the oldies format has a limited life span. "Radio I offers diversity of music. It champions new artists. Gold may be popular, but it doesn't add anything to British music. The stations that play it are exploiting the catalogue but they're not putting anything

"The evidence from the United States shows that Gold stations die off after about five years. There is only a limited pool of records which can be played in order to attract the maximum audience, and eventually listeners feel burnt out. I don't know how they're going to keep it fresh. I expect it to decline in 1993 and 1994."

COMMENT

Richard Morrison

Lost leaders

othing exemplifies the bruising competitiveness of British orchestral life better than the phenomenon of "poached leaders" which is run-ning like a fever at present. The leader of an orchestra is not the conductor, but somebody far more integral to the orchestra's health: the principal violinist, who is responsible for organising how the strings bow the notes. who acts as intermediary between orchestra and conductor, who plays all the fiddle solos, and who auditions new string players and decides — the touchiest task of all how near the front they sit.

A good leader can pull an orchestra terrible conductor. Indeed, the art of conducting is a mere offshoot of the art of leading the first orchestras were nearly always directed by the principal violinist. That explains why, outside Britain, the job is known as "concertmaster"

So the leader is a crucial figure. But this does not entirely explain the current mad scramble to woo the best of them: a process more reminiscent of the football transfer market than of the classical music business. Consider the following list. The Philharmonia has just appointed two new lead-ers: James Clark, poached from the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. and David Nolan, peached (even more thrillingly, for the Philharmonia) from the rival London Philharmonic. Since the LPO has also lost another key violinist to become co-leader of the BBC Symphony, it is looking a little depleted at the front. A selfinflicted wound did not help: the LPO had chosen a fine new leader, but he quickly fell out with the orchestra's young maestro. Franz Weiser-Möst, and left.

The Royal Philharmonic, unsettled since its long-standing leader was pinched by English National Opera, has now appointed the Russian, Zino Vinnikov (from the Leningrad Philharmonic) and the American. Jonathan Carney. But the London Symphony Orchestra is still searching for another leader, its most famous in recent history. Mike Davis, left for the Halle in Manchester, but was then poached by the BBC Symphony. Is all this chopping and shop-

ping doing our orchestras any good? The world's greatest orchestras are usually distinguished by a remarkable consistency of personnel. The scramble for leaders seems, by contrast, to symbolise British orchestral life: preathless and unpredictable; but impatient of any process or person that does not produce fast results. In this, however, orchestras only mirror the society that supports them.

ARTS BRIEF

Richer

ONE of the richest arts prize schemes, the Prudential Arts Awards, is increasing its value this year by 30 per cent. As well as giving £25,000 to each of the five category winters music, visual arts, dance, theatre and opera - with a further £75,000 going to the eventual outright winner, another £5,000 will be given to each of 12 short-listed companies who are judged worthy even though they do not make it to the final assessment. The awards scheme has also been broadened this year, allowing festivals to enter for the first time.

Lost images

MORE than 2,500 films many of then unique copies, dating back 50 years - are believed to have been lost when the building housing the Argentinian Film Archives recently collapsed. Thousands of still photographs were also destroyed. Guillermo Fernandez Jurado, the archive's curator, says he had repeatedly asked for official subsidy to strengthen the 100-year-old building. The eventual collapse was appar ently caused by unauthorised underground construction nearby.

Bells to ring

FANS of the Irish playwright Billy Roche will be delighted hear that his recent London fringe success, Belfry, is poised for a comeback in

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open in the West End. The play, about the affair between sacristan and a church helper, received excellent reviews at its London premiere. Beifry will be presented in the West End with the author's two other Wexford-based plays: A Handful of Stars and Poor Beast in the Rain. Directed by Robin Lefevre, the trilogy is expected to travel on to Dublin's Abbey Theatre and then to New York, off-Broadway.

November when it will re-

Bruce deuce BRUCE Springsteen is to

release two new albums simultaneously in the early spring and will probably tour Britain later this year. Neither album features the E Street Band, Springsteen's long-time, albeit occasional, collaborators. Human Touch, his tenth album, was recorded at various studios in Los Angeles and features vocal contributions from Bobby Hatfield (of The Righteous Brothers) and Sam Moore (of Sam and Dave). Lucky Town, his 11th album, was recorded at Springsteen's home studio. The songs - 24 altogether are all new Springsteen compositions. Springsteen's last album, Tunnel of Love, was released in 1987.

Last chance...

TO REDUCE a play with 34 characters, not counting ex-tras, to a two-hander takes skill and chutzpah, qualities Bruce Myers certainly possesses, though not necessarily in that order. His Dybbuk for Two People may not generate the power of S. Ansky's Yid-dish original, but there is no denying the fascination of the story of the lovelorn boy who sers up a posthumous squat inside the girl he was refused while alive. The curtain falls for the last time at the Hampstead Theatre (071-722 9301) next Saturday.

TOMORROW IN LIFE AND TIMES National treasure? actress Frances Barber interviewed by ...

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Dances with myths

ow noble was the no-ble savage? In the anniversary year of Columbus's landing in the New World, Horizon on BBC 2 last night asked a lot of awkward questions about the American Indian, so of-ten portrayed as the noble warrior, the peaceful savage and. - modern susceptibilities being what they are -Two clips about the Yanomama Indians from Amazonia summed up the thesis. In one they were described as violent, Hobbesian beings who killed their daughters at birth to avoid overpopulation; in the second, as examples of Rousseau's noble savage innocent, gentle and in perfect harmony with their sur-The lesson, as Rayna Green of the US National Museum of American History put it, is that indigenous peoples have had their history invented for them. They are prisoners of a European history that has

Noble savage? a native American Indian in Horizon

lunch on legs. The Indians' ancestors, populating America from the north, extinguished them in a blitzkrieg that nuts the later nearextinction of the bison into a different perspective.

nd what of the Hopi, the Indian tribe in such eternal harmony with nature that they did not even have a word for time? True, they are good farmers, but their survival for 1,000 vears has depended not on a sustainable ecology but on the discovery of coal. Now the Peabody Coal Company leases the Hopi mine, paying the tribe for the privilege of trawling out its coal. Today's Indians may be

beginning to light their way

clear of the myths that white

men have laid so heavily upon

them. The use of fire to clear pastures and to control the spread of woodland, long banned on the reservations in the interests of conservation. is now coming back. "We have to find practical solutions, not retreat into myths about some magical past," explained Richard Sherman.

director of the Sioux Rangers. Horizon did well to get in early in Columbus year with a film that helped to dispel some of the cant we are bound to be bombarded with. The message was simple there never was a golden age. timeless harmony, or the noble savage. Men are much alike in every age and culture. You can take that as consoling or dispiriting, depending on your point of view.

ARTS 2000

Final call for 1994

The venue for the Year of Drama, 1994, is announced today. Simon Tait reports on fierce competition to win the honour

oday, Richard Eyre, artistic director of the National Theatre, will announce the Arts Council's centre of drama for 1994. The winner, which will be either Greater Manchester or Sussex, will present a 12month programme of theatrical excellence as part of "Arts 2000", the project by Arts Council chairman Lord Palumbo to celebrate the best of the arts in Britain. Each of the last nine years

of this century is dedicated to an an form. This year is music, centred on Birmingham; next year it will be dance, in the East Midlands. Also today, the locale to celebrate literature in 1995 and the visual arts in 1996 will be announced: Penelope Lively will say if the Year of Literature will be in Kirklees. Swahsea or Nottinghamshire, and Nicholas Serota. director of the Tate Gallery. will reveal the visual arts winner from contesting Bradford, Glasgow, Hampshire and the region covered by the Northern Arts Board.

But the so-called Year of Drama will probably be the farthest reaching in its longterm effects. The winner gets £250,000 to mount a programme, but the accolade is worth much more than the money: the Sussex proposals would cost £14 million. Manchester's £10 million, and both will need the title to attract the additional money from sponsors.

Britain is dotted with thearres which are either disused or have been convened for bingo, cinema and other diversions. Sussex has its share. and as guest houses have given way to retirement homes a renown for theatre has been diluted in the last 30 years, when activity has be-come centred on Chichester, Brighton and Worthing.

On the other hand, Greater Manchester's theatres and reputation are in full flow. Its bid concentrates on the other crisis in British theatre, the dearth of new writing and the search for new audiences. Sussex promises to bring a

range of splendid old houses back to theatre, along with an unaccustomed cohesion between 16 local authorities, including the two counties of East and West Sussex. Brighton's Essoldo, now an

anonymous bingo hall, could be a 2,000-seat theatre again £2 million, and for £250.000 the Continental Theatre, currently a disused

'The impetus could mean the saving of **Brighton's** West Pier. turned into a performing arts centre

warehouse, could be made into a performance venue. Eastbourne's Devonshire Park Theatre, reconstructed by Frank Matcham 90 years ago, could be refurbished. Hastings has its pier theatre and Bexhill its De La Warr Pavilion, and Worthing has its Ritz Ballroom, which could be converted, complementing the Connaught next door. The impetus could mean the saving of Brighton's West Pier, for which £30 million is needed to turn it

into a performing arts centre. "What are ambitious proposals will be made much easier by the accolade," says Paul Byrne, head of Brighton's corporate analysis and development unit and part of the executive team for the bid. "All 16 councils have worked together and contributed to the £30,000 the bid has cost. We need the impetus of the Year of Drama to keep every-

one concentrated." Manchester's ten local authorities are used to working together in the old metropolitan county. Each has contributed to the £100,000 cost of the bid, whose publicity coordinator is Gregor Stewart. "We have to attract new audiences with new work, and that will be the legacy," he says. If the city wins there will be new dramatic work about the Manchester Ship Canal (whose bicentenary is in 1994), the new tram

system and football. Manchester has a longstanding theatrical reputation - it was here that repentory began a century ago. and Joan Littlewood started the Theatre Workshop in the 1940s. The Royal Exchange Theatre is in part-nership with Mobil for the biennial New Writers competition with an undertaking to produce the winners' work

aking the bid will be expensive whether or not they win -Edinburgh. Hertfordshire, Tayside, Milton Keynes and Banff and Buchan have already had their bids rejected but for neither bidder will it be money down the drain if they do not win. Each will have a drama scheme, some of which will become reality: about 60 per cent of Man-

chester's is already scheduled. Gavin Henderson, director of the Brighton Festival and a member of the Sussex bid steering committee, says the project has enabled him to think of schemes such as a biennial drama festival alternating with the London International Festival of Theatre, the development of artistic links between theatres across Sussex, and working up connections with other festivals as well as devising a

comedy circuit. "What it has done is create great excitement across longstanding boundaries." says, "and a wish to make



Facing an uncertain future: brothers-in-law Malcolm Jones (left) and Geoff Sanger lost their jobs along with 100 of their relatives. The two men are now setting up a consultancy/recruitment agency

A family made redundant

ast week Thelma Sanger left her threebedroomed. mortgaged council house in the tiny hillside village of Brymbo in North Wales and flew out to Libya to visit her husband. Phil.

She took with her his Christmas presents, including videotapes of his favourite television programme. Dad's Army. When Mr Sanger left Brymbo three months ago, it was the first time that he and his wife had been separated since their schooldays.

Mrs Sanger, a slight, shy 40-year-old woman who works in the meat department of the local Tesco. admits that she had no idea 39-year-old husband when she agreed that he should accept a six-month contract

in Libya, worth nearly four times the amount he could earn at home — if he were able to get a job.

Her family has been aston-ished that she has been able to cope on her own. "They were like two peas in a pod. says Mr Sanger's eldest Phil went, Theima went, too."

The Sangers' enforced separation is the result of the closure of the Brymbo steel-works, which left 1.130 workers unemployed. Phil Sanger. and his brother John, both production workers, were lucky to get short-term jobs in Lihva, teaching steel-making, Most of their former colleagues are less fortunate. have the problem of what they will do when they return.

With a population

When Brymbo steelworks closed, 1,130 people lost their jobs. Sally Brompton on the death of a village

3,400, there is not a family in Brymbo that has not been affected. Geoff Sanger has counted at least 100 relatives who were made redundant. including his wife, Gaynor, his three brothers, two nephews. Gavnor's brother and three sisters and their husbands, four sons and three sons-in-law, and about 40 cousins and second cousins. His own family has worked

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in the steelworks for four generations and he still misses the hum of the steelcutting saw in the back-"It's as if the heartbeat of the village has gone."

is devastating this community on the outskirts of Wrexham is one of several explored in a four-part BBC television series about redundancy

which begins this week. The Sangers are luckier than most. They have paid off the mortgage and their only daughter is grown up and working. But many of the Brymbo families have large mortgages and small children, and all are accustomed to a good standard of living. Men in their early 40s are coming to terms with the fact

Sixteen months after United Engineering Steels an-

nounced the closure of its 200-year-old plant, the effects are beginning to show on the sprawling village.

"This is a community caught in a time warp and, for the first time in their lives, they are having to go out into decisions they've never had to make before," says Sue Bourne, the producer of the television documentary.

Much of the bitterness among the redundant steelworkers is due to the fact that the Brymbo plant had a fine international reputation for producing high-quality specialised steel, and made a profit of £5 million in its final year. According to United Engineering Steels, the clo-sure was forced by an overall fall in orders.

At lunchtime in the village the change of shift at the steel works used to bring men out on to the streets and into the pubs. Today, however, the streets are deserted and the only customer in the Miners Arms is a youth in jeans nursing his pint of bitter at the end of the bar. Geoff Sanger can remem-

ber noisy lunchtimes in the pub when a thirsty steelman down half-a-dozen pints of bitter in 30 minutes. easy. These days, Pat Horstman, the publican, is doing well if he pulls half-adozen pints in a lunchtime session: and the steelworks snaking across the top of the hillside is as dead as the "Strike It Rich" fruit machine

that blinks silently in the corner of the pub. At its peak, the Miners sold 1,000 barrels of beer a year. Now it is down

previous year's salary.

Clywd and now the men and women, newly qualified, are finding themselves joining the depressingly long dole queue with little prospect of finding work at the end of it. Most of the workers have nothing left to show for the initial official encouragement they received but a fruitless City & Guilds diploma and fast-dwindling redundancy

Six hundred of them retrained, oping mainly for courses as heavy goods drivers, carpenters, painters anddecorators, plasterers, bricklayers, plumbers and computer operators. But few have been able to put their new

skills to economic use. Geoff Sanger, who was earning £22,000 pounds a year, has qualified as a bailiff, bought two new suits and started his own legal services

Mr Horstman no longer needs to make his weekly trip down to the post office to top up his till with small change. That's all that people are giving me these days," he With families being forced to split up to find work, the community spirit appears to be crumbling.

o far, the redundant employees — about 100 of them women have been cush-"top-up" deal based on their

But unemployment is already rife in this corner of

business, serving injunctions for local solicitors for £12.50 an hour, plus 31p pence a mile, with a bit of tracing and surveillance work thrown in. "It's very difficult to sell

yourself to solicitors after 31 years in the steel industry," he says. He is also in the process of setting up a consultancy/ recruitment agency with his brother-in-law, Malcolm Jones, 53, a former steel production superviser who has retrained as a driving

instructor. Many of the former steelworkers are still determined not to accept less money than they were curning before ioned with a 12-month volun- Initially, that was the attitude. tary training scheme and a of Alan Wynne, 48, a stee worker for 25 years. "I've had good mency all my life, and the cost of living keeps going up. Why should I live below.

that standard?" he asks. Having retraining as a painter and decorator, Mr Wynne signed on the dole at the end of November for the first time in his life. Accustomed to a salary of £300 to £600 a week, depending on overtime, he has been forced to drop his sights to £175 a week and fears he is still demanding too much.

"My age is against me," he says. There was a night job going cleaning machinery on the industrial estate for £24 a night ... well; I suppose it's money — but is it money, like?"

Times Newspapers Ltd 1982. Redundant on BBC2 begins on Thursday at 8pm. The steel-workers of Brymbo feature in Every House In My Street on February 20. George Caenove's story is told in A Linie Decline and Fall on February 13.

CHANGED MAN

grine de Lerisson Cazenove was made a year job as a City bond broker, he had fewer sleepless nights than he migh

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recounted in the third epi-sode of the BBC television series on redundancy. He took out the insurance in Jamuary 1989 "on a whim". In those days, General Accident was happy to accept his £200-a-month premium. Soon it became impossible to

worked with a hell of a lot of Eastenders, barrow-boys made good, white socks and

Supported by his in-surance he took courses in and French, thought abou buying a restaurant, looked at other jobs, such as finan-cial public relations, and last summer tried to get-back into bond-broking. "But I'd been out far too long and all

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natead, he spent six weeks in trace beloing to organise aid to the Kurds after the Gulf War. That was a brilliant idea," be says "I was getting rather stale in London, and one has to look at different things. Going to

ing suit for his sister's wed-ding. Horrified at the prices. he decided to start an

His shop, Bertie Wooster, opened in Fulliam; south-west London, in November.

insurance money, which was valid for two years, shortly before opening the stop and now pays himself a salary of 180 a week. He found the business easy to pick up.
"It's amazing what you can
do if you really try." he says. such as his BMW, which he traded in for a 14 year-old Ford Sierra. Working in the City, he once spent £1,900 on an evening out for four, which included the theatre, dinner and the hire of limousine. Now he expects to spend about £45 on dinner for himself and a girlfriend—

"something cheap and cheer-ful like a pizza". Looking back on the whole experience, he says: "It was a hell of a shock to the system, but I'm a much more mellow person than I was before. I was just a spoilt brat in many ways, but I've matured immensely."

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A hundred shades of green

A new exhibition looks behind the psychology of the eco-message

reen graphics have their groundrules: never mention disease on a campaigning T-shirt, keep politics off commercial organisations' posters, match the mood of the moment: too depressing a message is a

An opportunity to study the psychology of green graphics is offered by an exhibition of posters, leaflets and packaging at the Victoria & Albert Museum, west London, next week. Humour, wit. shock tactics, appeals to conscience, straightforward information, teasing imagery and sheer beauty all have their place in the art of persuasion.

"We are not trying to show the history of the green movement, but rather how designers respond in getting the message across, "explains Margaret Timmers, the museum's deputy curator of prints, drawings and paintings.

The exhibition spans almost a century, from the reprint of a bird protection poster dated 1898 to last year's posters from commercial organisations and environmental lobbies. A small section is devoted to the "green" technologies which underscore the graphic messages - the improved quality and greater range of recycled papers and some alternatives to petroleum-based inks.

An early exhibit, a 1936 Smoke Abatement poster, is illustrated with a tree and a globe - images that are now a familiar shorthand for green causes. A Graham Sutherland poster for London Transport dated 1933, lyrically "Opens a window on London's Country". By the 1970s the idealised pictorial countryside had given way to Harry Stevens's hip





Shock tactics: nuclear and non-returnable bottle posters aim to hit hard

graphics, humorously encouraging tage of skull imagery for the Campaign country walks with a big foot doodle for Nuclear Disarmament in 1963. The guilt factor is strongly played up in second world war posters; illustrated by H.M. Bateman, Abram Games and others, exorting the public to "Grow Your Own Food", "Save Fuel" and "Eat Greens Daily", By 1971, the idea of employing leading designers and famous artists to attract attention had

Fuller, Georgia O'Keefe and Roy Lichtenstein, who all contributed to Olivetti's Save Our Planet series. Shock tactics range from a late-Forties Royal Society for the Protection of Birds poster based on traditionally-styled scraper-board by Charles Turnicliffe depicting a bird drenched in oil to F.H.K. Henrion's chilling photo-mon-

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extended to the likes of Buckminster

Caricature conveys the message where the pressure comes from a local group with a limited budget, like the Campaign Against Dounreay Expansion For Lynx's anti-fur campaign, a fashion picture by David Bailey employs an altered-imaged device to make its point Children's drawings are frequently employed for lead-free petrol, for marine conservation, for litter avoidance, even for the West German Green Party poster in 1979. Children, after all,

NICOLE SWENGLEY
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rans from February 5 to May 25 an Level 3 of
the Henry Cole wing at the Victoria & Albert
Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7.

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Gay patrol get on their bikes

Robert Cockburn
on how Sydney's
homosexuals are
fighting the
homophobes

pillion on the black Harley Davidson of the leader
of the Dykes on Bikes
ogang patrolling Sydney's homosexual nightspots. You can be my
Harley stot," Nora Savona, aged
36, a welder and artist, laughed
over the phone.

Dykes on Bikes, also known as the Vixen Motorcycle Chib, tend not to pay their "rego" (registration) fees. Actor Skye Wansey sits Trixie, a windblown French poodle, on her Honda's petrol tank. But more remarkable, in this city, the lesbian bikers have joined forces with the police to stop attacks on homosexuals.

In homosexual areas of Sydney such as Surry Hills, half of all street attacks are on homosexual men and women. With the two-way radios that they carry on their patrols. Dykes on Bikes have become the police's eyes and ears in an attempt to stop the traditional Aussie sport of "poofter bashing".

"Rule number one, naaaah poofters!" Monty Python's Australian philosophers announced in an

'Bondi beach became a killing ground for those who did not fit the mould'

early sketch concerning Aussie homophobia. More than 20 years later, sexual fears generated in this male-dominated land are being blamed for turning the bashers into murderers.

One night in 1989, high above Sydney's Bondi beach, John Russell, a homosexnal, was beaten up and flung on to the rocks below. A year later, Kon Rathanayurathaporon was hurled from the same difftop. The beach, famous for its bronzed icons of Australian manhood, had become a killing ground for those who did not fit the mould. Like homosexual television newsreader Ross Warren, thrown off the chills from Tamarama Beach, in the next bay. Eight schoolboys confessed to killing one Bondi victim because of his sexuality. Another man's throat was slashed and the word "poof" carved into his blood-

soaked mattress.

Two champions have emerged: Ms Savona and Sue Thompson, a government lawyer who believes that the best way to offer homosexuals protection is to work with the very institution that fostered sexual discrimination. Having long ignored the violence, and often taken part. Sydney police are now starting to listen to homosexuals. There has even been a greater acceptance of homosexual police officers. An unlikely sexual revolution is underway.

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From a tiny work space in the New South Wales police head-quarters, Ms Thompson, aged 34, runs her fragile community experiments, including homosexual workshops in schools supported by principals and senior officers. She joined the police force as a civilian



Neighbourhood watch: (from left) Michael Aaronson, Nora Savona, Lee Anderson, Chris Smith, Craig Gardiner and Sue Thompson are part of the drive to ensure the safety of Sydney's homosexuals

employee two years ago — to the derision of many of her friends in the homosexual community — to address prejudice on the inside. In Australian parlance, it was "a big ask", or, as she says, "like teaching an elephant to dance".

Ms Thompson took the job after a close friend, a homosexual doctor, was murdered at his home. "I saw the ad for the police job and thought: life is short, do something that makes a difference."

As the new Police Gay and Lesbian Client Group Consultant

As the new Police Gay and Lesbian Client Group Consultant jawkward title, awkward job) she built links with homosexuals who. in New South Wales, were criminals until 1984 — and can still be treated as such, under the lottering laws which still allow entrapment. The author Patrick White, who

declared his homosemality in 1979, privately put enormous pressure on Neville Wran, then NSW's premier, for change. Only now is the fide turning — and the reasons for the change contain an intriguing paradox.

Despite its rampant homophobia, Sydney is challenging San Francisco as the world's homosexual capital. The highlight of the three week gay festival which starts next week will be the annual gay. and lesbian Mardi Gras on February 29. Oversess tourists will flock in by the Jumbo-load. Recessionhit Oantas and city hotels will be booked out. Fifty thousand people will watch the procession snake through city streets. A giant mockup of the head of the Rev Fred Nile, Australia's leading antihomosexual campaigner, will be served up on a platter, and people will be able to visit the spot where, in 1812, a homosexual man was hanged for an "unnatural act".

Trying to end discrimination in a bastion of male conservatism like the NSW police has been a mammoth task. To start with, Ms Thompson set up what became a speciacularly rowdy meeting between angry homosexuals and startled senior police trying to do the clott thing.

the right thing.

Too many people remembered the euphemistic Garden and Parks Squads that practised entrapment in homosexual areas.

n impetus for change had come with anti-discrimination laws passed by the Labor state government in the 1980s, including the decriminalisation of homosexuality in 1984. In 1990 the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby published its Streetwatch Report, detailing the violence for the first time and demanding cooperation from the police.

Now, Scotland Yard's Community Involvement Branch has sought Ms Thompson's advice on discrimination problems within London's police.

Ms Thompson says that, in Sydney, bearings by police have stopped. "That used to go on with young police recruits. An initiation ceremony. First thing that would happen was they would be taken out "poofter bashing". They were certainly never going to report it. "You still get [police] harassment and intimidation, though. I

ment and intimidation, though. I couldn't say that it doesn't go on."

The number of confirmed murders of homosexuals has fallen, from five in 1990 to three last year. Estimating assaults on homosexual is more complicated, with increased reporting distorting trends. In 1990-91 Surry Hills



Drag net: revellers at a Sydney gay and lesbian Mardi Gras

weekends.

police recorded 363 street assaults, of which Ms Thompson says half were on homosexuals. At least another 1,000 go unreported. The 30 per cent increase recorded so far for 1991-92 could be a result of increased reporting.

One fact to emerge is that males aged between 14 and 25 tend to attack homosexual men, while attacks on lessians come from much older men.

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The main task is to convince homosexuals that it is safe and worthwhile to report attacks. Police advertisements appear in the homosexual press. Police liai-

son officers work in Surry Hills, and a police bus tours the area at

Under the command of Sergeant Brian Brakespear, undercover operations in Oxford Street—a strip of restaurants, boutiques, sex shops and coffee bars that is the homosexual heartland of Sydney—have led to several arrests for assault on homosexuals. One of the undercover policemen, Senior Constable Gary Castledine, has twice been beaten up.

Within the homosexual community, street patrols are run by Michael Glynn and Michael Aaronson, who cooperate with the police despite reservations about the apparent change of heart. Equipped with two-way radios and a base station in the back of Numbers, a sex shop in Oxford Street, they patrol from Thursday to Sunday until dawn.

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Chief Inspector Kerry Beggs, of the Surry Hills police department, displays a kind of gay pride about his district. It stretches north, from the Sydney Cricket Ground, with its surrounding parklands and wealthy suburbs, up to Oxford Street and Taylor Square, bordering the essentially heterosexual red light district of Kings Cross. He chose to work here because of its complex urban problems.

"There are crooks out there," Mr Beggs says, "rotten bloody mongrel hoodlums who prey on all people. Gay people are part of our responsibility, like old ladies and everyone else."

Ms Thompson's work is going beyond the street and into the NSW government's health and education departments. With the support of Chief Superintendent Alf Peate, she has held homosexual workshops for high-school students, and work on a full training package for schools is nearing completion. The police are also promoting homosexual studies for use by the education department in New South Wales.

But in Queensland, police prejudice continues. There they still talk about Erica Morely Punshon. In 1987, at the age of 104, Ms Punshon was questioned about her sexuality and suitability to be a roving ambassador for World Expo '88. Ms Punshon, a lesbian, answered: "I'm not afraid to say I love my friend."

UK PROGRESS.

ritain has yet to accept the sort of sea change seen in Australia and the United States, where at least one city deliberately employs homosexual officers to help police the homosexual community. Stewart Tendler writes. The British police are, however, beginning to tackle the problems, though perhaps not as speedily as homosexuals would

like.

The continuing suspicion between the homosexual community and the police was one of the issues touched on last year during a meeting between John Major and Sir Ian McKellen, the actor.

Last summer Scotland Yard began a scheme to monitor the extent of attacks. The scheme. Initiated in Hampshire and the London boroughs of Battersea. Holloway and Kensington, includes a poster assuring homosexuals that the police are attempting to halt violence. Officers are also attending courses to help them become more sympathetic towards the homosexual community. All attacks regarded as homophobic by the victim, the police or any witnesses will be recorded in the same way as racial attacks.

The force is also coming under

pressure to recognise homosexuals within its ranks. A 500-strong organisation for homosexual officers was formed two years ago and some have declared their sexual status. Leicestershire, Bedfordshire and South Yorkshire have issued policy directives against discrimination, and the Yard is expected to follow.

As competition increases in the business of style, the professionals have taken over from the fashion plates

Voguish women

in glossy jungle

he job of editor of Vogue magazine nowadays probably carries more gravinas and influence in the field of fashion and style than any other position in this country. Alexandra Shulman, who was named last week as the glossly monthly magazine's new editor, will find that the job is as much of a strain on her talents for scoring a penetrating sound-bite and her ability to charm advertisers as it is on her journalist or management skills.

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Over the past decade or so, the pace in the fashion world and the compeniion among glossy magazines have hotted up, and the appointment of Ms Shulman, a professional rather than a fashion-plate, more poncho than padded shoulder, reflects this.

There was a time, before the temperature rose so dramatically, when Vogue editors researed serenely for 20 years or so (Audrey Withers from 1940-1960, Beatrix Miller from 1964-1986). In those days Vogue was a law unto itself and a safe place where upper-class girls, supported by their fathers, languished away those empty years between school and marriage. Salaries were laughable (in 1973 the magazine was paying assistants II.200 a year) and the atmosphere was claustrophobically ferminine.

The content of the magazine veered from the unadvenurous to the outlandish. The photographers and the young fashion editors called the shots stylistically, but whatever went into the magazine always enjoyed the highest quality of production and printing — and the advertising poured in.

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For many years Vogue had its
own way in the field of glossy

designers and photographers as teacher's pets who thought that Vogue owed them support.

Ms Wintour also set new person-

advertising, since there was no competition at that rarified top end of the market. Indeed, at one point in the early 1970s Vogue produced 14 issues a year, simply to provide the extra pages. Ms Miller shunned all forms of publicity and rarely appeared in public. She worked long hours and edited every comma in the magazine, but she did not perceive her role as representational. Why should she, since the advertising pages rolled in on their own?

London was regarded as the centre of the universe — the most junior of editors were sent to cover the Paris collections, which occasionally won only two pages in the magazine. The rest was taken up with esoteric pictures of girls wafting around with what looked dangerously like dishcloths on

their heads.

But by the time Ms Miller retired in 1984, fashion had become a global business. Advertising was no longer the gravy main it had been and British editions of Marie-Claire, Elle and Mirabella were providing competition. The parent company in New York felt the time had come for British Vogue ("Brogue") to be radically changed, for its charming amateurish British approach to be overhauled.

Anna Wintour was brought over from New York to inject New York professionalism, real clothes and international awareness into the magazine. Burberrys were chopped off at the thigh, fitness moved into the centre frame and Ms Wintour began to treat British designers and photographers as teacher's pets who thought that Vogue owed them support.

al standards. She was regularly at her desk by 7am when her first child was less than two months old. She put in long days at the magazine when eight months' pregnant with her second, still wearing size 6 courure and eightinch Manolo Blahmik shoes.





Alexandra Shuhnan (right) is following in the footsteps of Beatrix Miller (left) and Liz Tilberis

So when Liz Tilberis took over three years ago, she inherited a different magazine from the one she had worked on for 17 years

previously. Her tenure was a success, as reflected in the circulation, which at 181,000 is at its highest, and by healthy advertising figures, which she achieved by moving the tiller a few compass points back towards British fashion. She proved to be adept at dealing with the anorexic neuroses of the fashion room and had an

excellent features editor - Alexan-

dra Shulman, on whom she could

lean heavily to bolster her selfconfessed ignorance of the world of words, as features are called so subtly in Vogue House.

Ms Tilberis never forgave Nicholas Coleridge, the editorial director, for pinching Ms Shulman overnight and placing her at the helm of the then new and struggling GQ. There, Ms Shulman increased the circulation largely by applying the rules of

women's magazines with such irresistible features as "What Women Really Like in Men". GQ's circulation is now 90,000, and gratifyingly for Conde Nast, its rival at National Magazine, Esquire, this half-year failed to divulge circulation figures.

At Conde Nast they do not pick editors for their parentage or private incomes any more, but they do like to recruit from within their own company for posts in the higher echelons. Ms Shulman, 34, is certainly a Conde Nast girl, albeit a far cry from the sort who used to edit in white gloves. She earned her spurs on Tailer, proved herself as the features editor on Vogue, and then wisely went as the woman's editor to a national newspaper, the Sunday Telegraph, where she acquired vital journalistic reflexes and a wider view of the work than could ever be culled from the ivory towers of Conde Naste magazines.

She also has ink in her veins. Her father is the drama critic and former Vogue columnist Milton Shulman. Her mother, Drusilla Beyfus, was for many years associate editor at Vogue and was long thought to be a possible successor to Ms Miller. Although she was not the first choice for the job (the post was first offered to Suzy Menkes of the International Herald Tribune, who turned it down a week ago). Ms Shulamn was always in the frame, along with Anna Harvey, now named as her deputy, and the American fashion

writer Joan Julier Buck.

The dovecore at Vogue is doubt-less twittering over Ms Shulman's appointment, unnerved by the appointment of a words person.

But she is a professional who believes that a good editor should be able to grapple with any subject. "Whether it's men, women, dogs or horses makes little difference," she has said. "The contents of the magazine — fashion, style and design — are things I've dealt with before."

Her appointment is a tribute to her, and a reflection of just how tough things are out there in the fashion jungle.

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TOMORROW

"This was the face that symbolised the woman soldier in the Gulf war — the mother in camouflage, with a badge of her baby daughter pinned to her helmet. It is clear, despite the Scud attacks and the sight of Iraqi corpses, that the worst part of her

war was separation from her daughter." Kate Muir on women at war and peace in Times Women on Wednesday

Davina LLoyd wonders where modern fathers go to when you need them most

you are looking for a man who is about to turn into a father, you will not find him anxiously pacing the corridors outside the delivery ward. Nor is he to be sighted at his local, ready to hand round the cigars.

He is far more likely to be in at the birth, watching the foetal monitor, recommending the appropriate level of breathing, sponging his partner's brow bearing up while she bears down. Three-quarters will welcome their babies into the world (as many as 90-95 per cent at Guy's and King's College hospitals in

What happens after new man turns into new father is a mystery. You might spot him in television commercials: driving his insomniac offspring round the block in his high-performance car to get it to sleep; sharing bottled water with it; or planning for its future with thoughtful. far-sighted insurance policies. In life, the spe

You may cies is harder to locate. There will be a smattering at see him on the school gates, a TV but in few in the back row at the Nativity play, one or two life the new pushing swings at the weekend. Confather is sidering that there are some 800,000 harder to live births each year, you could exlocate lather more in evi-

dence - and doing a bit of fathering. In an attempt to track down the elusive genre, I recently issued a challenge to the readers of Practical Parenting magazine. Had anyone seen one and could they supply photographic evidence?

From a readership of 150,000, I received one snapshot of new father in action. He was sitting on a sofa with a baby in his arms and a toddler beside him. A closer look revealed that both baby and father were asleep, and the toddler was drawing on his father's trousers with a felt-tip pen.

Fathers, it seems, are present at the birth because they are expected, and encouraged, to be there. Many have had the lessons. More than 10,000 attend antenatal 'couples classes" run by the National Childhirth Trust. Those who go to the classes go to the birth. And there endeth the lessons and the fathering.

That the experience of childbirth contributes to demotivating a man from participating further may be true. He is a team supporter, there for his partner. Afterwards, he is excluded. Mother and baby need time to rest, time rogether, time alone, is probably what he will be told. After stage three of labour - the expulsion of the placenta - comes stage four, the expulsion of the father.

Certainly society does not help. Few employers permit time off after the birth as a paternal perk;

fathers work their longest hours during the years their children are youngest. In families where both parents work, it is generally assumed by all that the mother will take time off if a child is ill.

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The latest Social Trends report, published last week, reveals that ever more families are managing without a father at all. Four in ten divorces occur three to nine years after the marriage (when the children are young), and 13 per cent of children are raised by lone mothers. More fathers are not

doing any fathering.

The organisation Families Need
Fathers claims that fathers want and ought to remain involved after separation. Yet a recent study found that almost half the fathers lost touch with their children, and that these absentees simply found staying in touch too difficult and

Many fathers admit that they withdraw from involvement in the

day-to-day care of their babies during the "nappy chang-ing stage", partly from disinclination and partly from the lack of opportuni-"New mothers can be very territorial - and working mothers are proba-bly worse," says Richard Seel, the author of The Uncertain Father. They offer crumbs

from a table of riches. Women tend to define parenting in terms of mothering. They want men to share the task as they see it."

If this were true, and even if women allowed men to participate in parenting, how well could most men do it? They model their performance on that of their own fathers, who were expected to do little for very young children. Most men are more comfortable with older children, when involvement can be activity-orientated - taking them out, teaching games or sports.

The lessons do exist. Parent-Link is a support and education group providing a programme of parenting skills for men and women. Tim Khan, of Parent-Link, says: "It is unreasonable to expect fathers to be involved without offering them the oppor tunity to learn the appropriate skills." At present only a tenth of those who undertake the courses are men, and he admits that those who attend are likely to be "new men" already, the converted who are less in need of preaching.

A few fathers are taking the lessons; some become more involved as their children grow; many are doing a far, far better thing than their own fathers did. But most fathers have a great deal

Daving Lloyd is the editor of Practical

Parenting magazine.



Beginnings: men are in at the birth but absent elsewhere



No worries: Sara Grant with one of her charges, James, aged 3. She will join the Willes family's skiing holiday, "but I won't be upset if I never get on the piste"

Nanny takes a trip

ome nannies travel some achieve travel and some have travel thrust upon them. Employers and nannies often finish a family holiday feeling mutually cheated and grumpy. Particularly so after an expensive skiing holiday involving the nanny's airfare and ski

As with every aspect of having a nanny, the path to a friction-free partnership comes back to trying to eliminate differing perceptions what the job entails

A holiday is meant to be a treat for everyone and, in theory at least, a perk for the nanny. The prospect of March in Klosters and August in Sardinia or Provence - rather sunny Skegness - can be a definite incentive for a prospective

On the other hand, experienced nannies know (oh, so well) about the 24-hour commitment expected by employers on their holiday. and these wise owis like their paid leave to coincide with the family's summer trip. In this case, affluent families hire a second pair of hands for the holiday while others may seek holidays where child care

is part of the package (see right). Scores of parents who work have no choice but to ask the nanny to organise her own holiday when they take the children on theirs. As one such mother puts it: "It is far from a rest for me to take two-yearold Joshua with us, but the holidays are the only time either of

us sees him property."

Sarah Willes, the owner of Blues agency, which supplies cooks worldwide, and the mother of Guy, aged 512, and James, aged 3, always takes her nannies on holi-day. "I wouldn't want to hire a temp," she explains, "because I work and I'm very fussy about who looks after my children."

In March her current nanny. Sara Grant, aged 34, an SRN-trained Australian, will join the Willes family on their skiing holiday. "I trust Sara totally." Ms Willes says. "She came on holiday with us to Majorca last summer and it was a great success. She is a superb nanny and she'll give me and my husband peace of mind while we're skiing."

Ms Grant has been a nanny for five years in the UK and is a veteran of many successful family

A nanny can make — or break — a family holiday. As Britons head for the ski slopes, Hilaire Gomer and Charlotte Breese

offer a user's guide to getting away without tears

holidays. Her routine at the ski resort will be similar to her London one: taking and collecting Guy and James from ski school, shopping and preparing lunch and supper, and entertaining the boys at the holiday flat. Aithough she will put in more hours and get a day off a week instead of two, she will not expect anything extra. Nor does she expect to do much skiing. herself, but she may well book in for some lessons on her day off.

on the piste," she says cheerfully. But for every holiday-proof nanny there are a thousand anecdotes told by frustrated mums about how useless theirs was - how she

stood about the airport/carpark/-beach/hotel not taking the initiative and proving to be just one more person to worry about.

Too few employers remember to make clear, as early as the interview, that the family holiday willmean that the nanny is away from family, friends and discos for two. six, eight weeks - and still doing her job. As one mother, who obviously got it wrong, complains: "As soon as my back's turned she's adeagled on the sand soaking up the sun. I find I am full-time lifeguard and sandcastle construction engineer and feel exhausted

The absurd position in which

some employers find themselves is illustrated by the Geldof family. spotted setting off on holiday from Heathrow. Bob was carrying a baby and luggage. Paula was carrying Fifi Trixibelle and more luggage while the nanny strode on in front unencumbered. One can only gasp, "Is That It?".

Parents experiencing for the first time the "and name came too" scenario should spell it out that it will be a working holiday for her and, as Angela Hovey of the Occasional and Permanent Nannies agency emphasises, it may be harder and often lonelier work than the domestic routine she is used to, where the parents are

about upsetting me." If the confrontational aspect of calling your holiday your holiday is difficult for rou, appeal to your partner's self-interest. Get your partner to take the nanny aside and make an impassioned plea so that she understands that, much as you are both looking forward to a boilday with the children, he and

pulling their weight with home-

A mature same's comment is music to employers ears. When we re on holiday my free time goes out the window. I take a few days

off to compensate afterwards. I do

not expect to go wherever they go when we're abroad. Some names

go out all the time, leaving their

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you desperately need time alone to recharge a flagging relationship. It is proper to offer her a cash bonus of time off in lieu for the EXITS WORK

Even if you give your nanny plenty of notice about the holiday and have briefed her about its probable rigours, be braced for surprises. Some nannies and mother's helps are unhinged by the experience of travelling .many may have never been abroad before. They can sulk because they spend hours alone with the childrez on the beach, or are left babysitting night after night. They can miss their mother or their boviriend and get drunk and be sick everywhere. Some go AWOL, run up huge telephone and/or room service bills, or leap into the arms of the nearest male. Many do none of these things.

One employer tells the story of friends who took their nanny skiing with their children. One night they came back from dinner to find the namey in bed with a ski instructor when she was supposed to be babysitting. The parents booted the man out and went to bed. Not long afterwards they heard familiar noises and discovered the nanny and the instructor at it again. The nanny was not sacked; they needed her to look after the children, didn't they?

Hilaire Gomer and Charlotte Breeze are the authors of The Good Nanny Guide (Century Sterling, £9.99)

WHERE TO FIND A HOLIDAY WITH A CRECHE - ---Clubs catering for children be-

hen Janet and Peter Nicholson went skiing in Courcheval over the new year they had no qualms about taking Oliver, their fivemonth-old baby, and Luke, his four-year-old brother to the French Alps with them.

The Nicholsons stayed in a catered chalet where, every day after breakfast, the dining-room became a crèche staffed by qualified English nannies. While their older children - Kerry, six, and Katie, seven - went to ski school, the Nicholsons could head for the slopes knowing that their younger ones were in safe hands.

The Nicholsons went with Ski Esprit, one of a number of specialist companies now offering the services of nannies to clients. Vanda Bauer, the sales and administration manager, says: "We introduced the creches last season, staffed by trained nursery nurses. The ratio is one adult to

We advertise in the Lady. We insist that nannies bring their NNEB or registered general nurse (RGN) certificates and we check at least two references."

The concept of "nannied" chalets is growing in popularity. Crystal Holidays, which claims to be the second-largest ski tour operator in the country, has included the option for the first

time this year, offering the service at five French Alps chalets. Paul Carter, the ski product manager, says: "Each chalet has at least one English-speaking NNEB or RGN. We cater for children between the ages of two months and five years. Our nannies must be at least 20, and we check qualifications and

references." Austrian specialist Ski Hillwood also has nannies working in Hopfgarten and Neustift. And this year Sun Esprit (Ski

Esprit's summer self) is employing some English namies at Maubuisson and Morzine in France to take children to the locally-run creches, where they will make sure that they are settled in. There is no additional charge for the service.
Club Med separates children

into age groups: the Baby Club is for those aged four months to a year; the P Tit Club for the two to fours, and the Mini Club for the four to nines. Amanda Milton, its spokesman, says: "More than 70 our 110 villages cater for children from dawn until dusk."

Although the big three British tour operators — Thomson, Own-ers Abroad and Airtours — also run free clubs for children, they operate only for a few hours a day. Seventy-eight hotels and apartments in Thomson's Summer Sun brochure have Big T and Little T

tween three and 11, for two to four hours daily, six days a week. Airtours has the Getaway Gang for three to 12-year-olds, six days a week. Under the Ownern Almand umbrella, Enterprise and Sun Med have Sunbeam Clubs and Falcon has Family Fun Clubs for the two to lis.

holiday clubs is that they are free, It costs extra to leave children with namines on ski tours. Ski Esprit charges £87 for the all-day creche (8.30am -5pm), seven days a week, and £60 for five days a week, including lanch. Crystal charges £69 for five days (9:30am to 4.30pm) plus £13.95 a week for lunch. Ski Hillwood looks after children from 9.15am to 4.30pm at £95 a week. However, parents tend to think

that the money is well spent. As Mrs Nicholson says: "It's good value. When you spend £2,000 on a holiday it seems silly to quibble over the cost of the creche."

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Snails? Puppy-dogs' tails? Never

he saying "boys will be boys" implies slightly naughty, rough, insensitive behaviour - in other words, boyish. On the whole, it is not questioned: bullies will be builies, boys boys and girls girls. It is taken that certain behaviour can't be changed. Myriam Miedzian, a phi-

losophy doctor, has chosen to challenge that precept. She has taken the ohrase as a title of a book with the sub-title "Breaking the link between masculinity and violence" She takes the stance that group male behaviour, and she stresses group, is violent. competitive, emotionally suppressed, dominant and insensitive. And can be changed.

In the light of escalating violence in America, she decided to look at the problem and existing literature on the subject from leading psychologist on crime, sport, toys and even books such as William Golding's Lord of the Flies.

What are the factors that make a sector of society violent" Role models? Macho Schwarzenegger? Boys spending leisure time watching television, sport, playing computer games, many of them violent? In America, by the age of 18, a child will on average have seen 26,000 murders on television. David Rosenburg, the

founder and former director of the Fortune Society, an American non-profit making organisation for ex-convicts. says: "Child abuse, racism. drugs and alcohol habits and poverty are at the top of lists in any study of anti-sociability. Yet daughters grow up in the same home as sons. But young girls rob. steal and kill with one-tenth of the frequency of their male counter-

There were two factors that nudged Ms Miedzian to research this book. One was the realisation when reading In A Different Voice by the Harvard professor Carol Gillingham, that the studies of human moral development had been based entirely on boy's behaviour only - but Boys do not necessarily have to be boys, says a study of aggression



Myriam Miedzian wants social skills taught at school has been related as normal

behaviour for both sexes. The other was based on her own experience. Her father. born in Poland in 1901, had been aware of wars all his life and imbued her with "the insanity, the absurdity, the cruelty of people killing". To her father, toughness, dominance, emotional detach-

ment and callousness towards women were not the mark of a man. To my father macho meant Nazis in lacquered boots dragging his brothers and sisters and their young children to their deaths

Her tenet is that the behaviour of boys and girls is not that greatly dissimilar but people's treatment of them from an early age differs. There is evidence from her book that boys with high testosterene levels "are more easily frustrated, more initable and more impulsive". With those qualities and while rough-and-tumble is usually not violent ... it would tend to encourage the expression of anger or frustration through physical ac-Livity".

Nurturing is the word that sticks in the male craw: "When I talk about classes encouraging caring, nurtur-ing, empathy in boys, they see wimpy. effeminate."

The fear is that boys will turn overnight into wimps -or worse, in the macho male heterosexual mind, homosexual. Some research shows that homosexuals are often the result of distant, unemotional fathers. One theory is that machismo encourages homosexuality. If a boy does not fit into the masculine stereotype role of his father. then there is more likelihood

Ms Miedzian's proposal is simply that if English, mathematics and history are taught in school, why not social skills crucial to actual living? Programmes instigated in America have had a certain

living is not instinctive, and that much of today's culture - slasher films; television, advertising and computer games - encourages an acceptable face for violence, any discussion examining emotions - how to reason, seeing problems from another point of view and the need for selfesteem and self-respect — is

One 11-year-old, after his "conflict resolution programme", said: "My first reaction was to fight with my fists. Now that's gone and my first reaction is the last

LAURIS MORGAN GRIFFITHS Boys Will Be Boys is published on January 30 by Virago (£6.99)

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Mrs Mills, the fraud fighter

Undaunted by cases of the magnitude of BCCI and Maxwell, the director of the Serious Fraud Office tells Frances Gibb how she investigates financial scandals

arband Mills, QC, does not take the expected image of a City fraud figurer. For somebody charge of combating £4.5 pillion worth of fraud, including the missing Maxwell millions, the director of the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) appears to carry her

cares lightly.

Yet Mrs Mills and the SFO are. under close scrutiny. The powers of investigators generally are being challenged, with critics arguing that they crode the defendant's traditional right to silence; and in particular the SFO's own compoversial power to compel people to answer questions under section 2 of the Criminal Austice Act 1987 is being tested in the Court of Appeal.

At the same time, the incidence and scale of traud, coupled with the mounting sums involved, has put the SFO increasingly under the spotlight. Since the SFO was set up in April 1988, specifically to combat serious fraud, investiga-tions have included Polly Peck Guinness, BCCI, County NatWest and Barlow Clowes.

The Maxwell investigation is one of the largest undertaken by the SFO, matched only by that into the BCCI; and will involve, as that did, extra funding from Parliament, which could amount to £3 million.

Mrs Mills is undaunted. Efficient The new and trim, she clearly thrives on director is her task of spear-heading the fight against largescale one of fraud. She says: "It those is a busy job and there is obviously a tipped to heavy workload. But I am not a become worrier. Everybody works very hard next DPP

would like to see fraud diminish, which must be in the interests of the community at large, and I hope that our activities are a eterrent to fraud. But I don't think in terms of the immensity or impossibility of the task: just doing it in the most effective, efficient

and economical way." The office, with its £15.7 million budget and 130 full-time staff of lawyers, accountants and administrators, is still handling the same number of cases as when Mrs-Mills succeeded John Wood, the first SFO director, in September 1990. Yet the value of the 60 frauds being tackled has seared from £1.3 million to £4.5 billion.

Mrs Mills says: "Cases are much. larger, much more complicated. and involve much greater sums of money," she says. "One reason is that the world is getting smaller ... there are vast numbers of bankaccounts and ways in which money can be transferred."

Apart from the work of the office, the director herself is also in the public eye as one of those tipped to become Director of Public Prosecutions since Allan Green QC resigned after being stopped by police for kerb-crawl-

ing.
Mrs Mills typifies the new breed of career woman: at 51, she is one. of the relatively few female QCs of her generation. A mother of four grown children, she none the less succeeded in forging a career the Bar where she specialised in criminal trials, commercial ones in particular. Having children she once said, had not held her career back.

"I have made it my business to put in 105 per cent of effort in this respect," she says. "I have hacked out an unusual role and I think I may have contributed to a change in attitude"

Her bent is prosecution work: she was prosecuting counsel to the Inland Revenue, then junior Trea-sury counsel at Central Criminal Court from 1981 to 1986. She prosecuted Michael Fagan, after he broke into the Queen's bedroom in 1982, and was second prosecuting counsel in the Guinness trial. But the also appeared for the defence in the mal of the murder of PC Blakelock at Tottenham in north London.

For the moment, though, her brief is the SFO, and in the face of critics, she is vigorous in its defence. Delays in bringing cases to trial and in the length of trials, she says, have improved and in all but a few cases, it takes on average a year from when the SFO takes on a case to the start of trial. although the "increasing inter-national nature of fraud" slows

things up.
The Roskill committee on fraud trials, which proposed the creation of the SFO, ushered in other proposals to cut delays, such as preparatory identified before trial. These have all helped, Mrs Mills says, but it is too soon to judge their full impact. She does not, however, favour reviving the controversial Ros-

juries be acrapped for fraud trials. remaining an ardent supporter of the jury system. The SFO has less control over the trial: Mrs Mills insists that cases are being sim plified. But it would help, she insists, to have a new, simple offence of fraud, as in Scotland.

The Law Commission looked at this," she says, "and there are considerable difficulties," but I think it is worth looking at again because it would help with the large number of counts on the

She also rebuts any criticisms of the section 2 power, which enables the SFO to question anybody suspected of fraud, or of knowledge of fraud on pain of six months' jail for silence "without

reasonable éxcuse" The power, a crucial weapon in the fight against fraud, must be carefully used, Mrs Mills says. She cites the case of the collapse of an investment company. People who have out in their savings have suddenly, without warning, lost all their money. Such investors are

the true victims, she says.

The power has been called "draconian" and an infringement of the right to silence. Mrs Mills. dismisses both as misconceiving the power's purpose and the way it is used. Parliament debated the matter and decided the SFO should have it "because of the enormous problem of investigat-



We are investigating cases nobody would have tackled before. We are breaking new ground'

BARBARA MILLS, the director of the Serious Fraud Office

The power awaits a ruling by the Court of Appeal. The High Court has already held that if somebody

is already charged with a criminal

offence, he cannot be compelled by

fraud investigators to answer ques-

tions on that offence. Mrs Mills

ing fraud." She adds: "It can be used only if the person being questioned becomes a defendant and if when he or she gives evidence, he contradicts what he said earlier."

Nor is it novel, she says; the power has been used for years by the trade and industry department (DTI). Yet its use has risen, and in 1990-91, 765 notices were served, either requiring answers or documents. Mrs Mills points out that only 27 per cent of the recipients were unwilling; often bankers or accountants welcome the notices because it relieves them of their client-confidentiality obligations. She admits that the power carries risks. "But what is more

important: that we should be able

to investigate properly, for people

who are the innocent victims

says she can "live with that ruling", but has appealed to have the law clarified. When the appeal court rules, the SFO will brace itself for another debate because it may seek to extend the power, so that section 2 interviews are admissable as part of the prosecution case. There is an anomaly in that although the SFO can use any interview material handed over by

material as evidence. Speculation about the post of

the DTI investigators, the SFO

DPP meanwhile continues. Mrs Mills is coy, refusing to discuss the issue. However, with her experience with fraud, she has ideas about what might be grafted on to the rest of the criminal justice

One idea is greater use of prep aratory hearings; another is for more professional investigations. involving police, lawyers and accountants, working side by side. Whether Mrs Mills moves or stays however, the fraud office has its work cut out. The outcome of the Barlow Clowes and County NatWest cases are awaited with interest as the next verdicts to put

the office to the test. "We believe we are investigating cases nobody would have tackled before," she says. "We are breaking very new ground."

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Why judges are better trained

place in judicial training, according to the newly pub-lished report of the Judicial Studies Board. When Lord Chief Justice Parker was apbench in 1950, he had little experience of criminal law and. as a biographer recalled, "the first summing-up in a criminal case that he heard was one he delivered himsel?

Sir Neville Faulks, in his autobiography, explained how, after a successful libel practice at the Bar, he was appointed a judge of the probate, divorce and admiralty division of the High Court in 1963. The only training he had was to spend the Christmas vacation "reading very carefully" the leading textbook on divorce law.

In this state of blissful Judicial ignorance, the original Judicial Studies Board was established in 1979. The board was exclusively concerned with criminal law and it concentrated on training Crown Court judges in sentencing. Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, regarded with a degree of indifference verging on contempt the criti-cism of judges that demands

for them a type training which would render them more like assessors or expert witnesses than judges of fact and law".

Nevertheless. in 1985 he expanded the board's jurisdiction to include judiciel training in civil and family law, and the supervision of training of magistrates and tribunal chairmen and mem-

Since 1985, the board has been chaired by a Court of Appeal Judge, first Lord Justice Judges need training in two Mustill, now Lord Justice distinct areas. First, gaps may

Induction courses and semiassistant recorders and new circuit judges. Refresher seminars are organised for experienced circuit judges and recorders. Newly appointed judges of the Queen's Bench division are invited to attend. Seminars are arranged for judges of all levels of seniority on specific topics of interest and importance. Rightly sensitive to the need for those sitting in judgment to be aware of the special difficulties in deciding cases concerning members of ethnic minorities, an advisory committee was established in 1991 under the Mr Justice Brooke's chairmanship.

As the report states, "it seems now to be generally accepted that training, including re-fresher training, fo the judiciary and for magistrates and tribunal Chairmen is de-sirable. This has never been doubted by lay people; it was judges who needed convincing. Some of them feared, as Lord Devlin argued as late as 1979, that judicial training would involve too great a risk of an "official" view being imposed

on an independent judiciary.

proved to be entirely without foundation. As the report explains, the activities organised by the board's committees provide information about the content of law and practice, as well as a forum for discussion. which can only assist the judge to perform his role to the greater satisfaction of all in-

terested parties.

The patient, skilful work of the board has won the judiciary's confidence in the concept of training. The time has come to move towards the establishment of a judicial college, with a judge seconded to act as fulltime director of studies.

The greater complexity of law and society, the enhanced powers of the judiciary, and the more rigorous media and public analysis of judicial pronouncements, mean that no longer is it appropriate to have acting as judges men and women who have received only the most rudimentary of guid ance on the exercise of such onerous responsibilities.

Of course, those who sit in judgment have many years of experience as lawyers in court and out. But deciding cases requires very different qual-

ities, and experadvising and ents. A Judicial College would provide the forum for ensuring that those who decide the legal rights of others have the opportunity to become acqu-

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before appointment and at refresher courses during their service, information that busy barristers and solicitors do not

necessarily obtain during their years of practice. Judges need training in two have to be filled in their knowledge of the substance and pronars are provided for trainee cedure of the law to keep up

with legal developments. Second. judges would benefit from the provision of broader information about subjects relevant to adjudication, such as jurisprudence, psychology, economics, and media rela-

The Woolf Report on Prison. Disturbances recommended that the board might become the vehicle for providing judges with more information about

prison conditions. In 1940, Lord Justice McKinnon recalled that as a newly appointed and ignorant judge he had "sat with my finger in the index of Archbold the leading practitioners' textbook on criminal lawl and I hope my uneasiness was not

too apparent". The work of the Judicial Studies Board has helped to make judges more competent. and more confident, than every before. The creation of a Judicial Coilege would further enhance the necessary training of a professional judiciary.

The author is a practising bar-rister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford

French doubts

THE French system of judicial supervision of the police has been held by leading figures, including Lord Scarman, Michael Mansfield QC and Sir Peter Imbert, asan example of good practice. However, argues Richard Vogler, of Sussex University,

the Royal Commission on

Criminal Justice would be wise to look carefully at how the French system works in practice rather than theory. France's system has been admired most for its examining magistracy, a body of professionals who are available, in theory, to supervise police investigations from the

beginning. In practice, most of them are office-bound. The examining magistrates are rarely involved in police investigations and their supervision of the police is minimal.

Only about 10 per cent of cases, the most serious, involve examining magistrates. The rest are investigated by the police, who are superficially overseen by state prose-

The system, says Mr Vogler, incorporates much less protection for suspects than

He concludes that French pre-trial prisoners are possiiy more disadvantaged than

any others in Europe. Mr. Issue works, explaining that Vogler points to the irony of looking to France for a model system when France has for some-years been looking to adversarial systems for in-

Touching issue MAGISTRATES have hearts, it was recently found by a homeless man hauled up before Bow Street Magistrates Court for begging in Leicester Square, London

The man explained he was begging for only enough cash to buy a consignment of The Big Issue, a monthly magazine for homeless people. He told the court how The Big.



vendors are allowed to keep 40p of each 50p cover price as a source of income. . Sir David Hopkin, the sti-

pendiary, was so impressed by the man's story that he decided not to impose a fine. He gave the man a six-month conditional discharge and ordered him to be paid £12 from court funds so that he could 120 copies of The Big Issue. Sir David said he hoped

that this would enable the man to stay out of court.

Key women WOMEN in the law seems to

be this year's theme. The Bar boasts that its committees have women in seven key positions - such as Hilary Heilbron, QC; chairman of the London Common Law and Commercial Bar Associarion: Anne Rafferty, QC, who chairs the Bar Conference this year, Sarah Harman, who chairs the young barristers' Group, and Anne Goddard, QC, the vicechair of the key policy-mak-ing Bar Committee. The topic is the subject of a

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consultancy, where speakers

the company "secretary of Data Logic. She provided the model for

Usha Gupta, the Asian solicitor, in The Archers on Radio 4. And women and the law will be a seminar topic at the Law Fair, in Islington, north London, on February 6 and

·Perhaps - more significant than any of these is the news that women are at long last storming one of the last bastions of legal privilege: the lavatory. Women solicitors at the new Telford County Court are

allowed to share a WC with women parristers, while male eolicitors and barristers are strictly segregated and have separate WCs. Local solicitors are specu-

lating that the barristers are provided with perfumed soap and a softer type of toilet paper unsuitable for use by the junior branch of the

Wali falls CLIFFORD Chance has set

up an international finance division, and hired an American lawyer as a partner in its seminar in London today. New York office. Nancy Jacklin has spent organised by Robert Walters

time working as counsel in

Citibank's head office in New

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will include Kamlesh Bahl. York, as well as at the Federal

Reserve Board and the United States Treasury. This is between the English and American firms, as each tries to set up offices that practise local law in the other's home

Hang-ups

TELEPHONING any of the former Soviet States has alvays been difficult.

When foreign companies in Moscow with Moscow offices last year tried to circumnavigate the system by asking AT&T's operators in Sweden to forward calls, Moscow cut the line.

The Russians were annoyed that instead of getting hard currency for a call to the US, for example, they got only a small rouble sum for the call to Sweden.

The Ukraine government has now decided to take matters into its own hands and remove the need for international calls to go through Moscow at all. AT&T is setting up a joint venture with the new govern-

ment to modernise and operate the long-distance and international telephone net-AT&T is being advised in Ukraine by

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Suing when surveyors fail

you get when the house you have bought turns out to have a serious defect that your surveyor failed to notice? Probably not as much as you might think.
The judgment in Watts v Morrow

will worry homebuyers who sue their surveyor for negligence. The Court of Appeal last July made a decision that will make it harder for homebuyers to t fair compensation when they have bought a house on the basis of a .

negligent survey report.

lan and Lesley Watts engaged a surveyor to carry out a full structural survey of a house they wanted to buy. The report mentioned many defects and recommended repairs, but suggested that these could be dealt with as part of ordinary maintenance. The report concluded by saying that the surveyor had found the overall dwellinghouse to be sound, stable and

in good condition".

Reassured by the report, the Wanses bought the house for £177,500 and asked a builder for a quotation to remedy the defects mentioned in the report. The builder also found that the roof needed renewing, the chimneys and walls needed repointing lead flashings had to be installed, window casements and frames needed upgrading

Ashley Holmes explains the significance of a decision on a claim against house surveyors

needed specialist woodworm treat-

If the Wattses had known about these more serious defects, they would not have bought the house. The value of the house in its actual condition was estimated at £162,500 - £15,000 less than they had paid. Remedial work took about six months and cost nearly E34,000.

The Wattses sued the suveyor for neeligence. The High Court awarded them £33,961 for the cost of repairs, and £4,000 each for distress and inconvenience. The surveyor appealed, arguing that it was wrong to base compensation on the cost of repairs.
The Court of Appeal allowed the

appeal, saying that the proper measure of damages was the difference between what the house cost and what it was worth in the bad condition that should have been reported. The award of £33,961, the cost of repairs, was set accordingly aside, and judgment entered for £15,000. The award for distress and inconvenience was also slashed to E750 each:

homebuyers have no right to get what it costs to put right any defect that their surveyor missed.

They can claim only the difference etween what was paid for their home and what they should have paid, had they been aware of the faults. The difference in market value will in many cases be much less than the cost of putting right the faults.

elivering the key judge-ment, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson said that the cost of repair might be relevant, but only as evidence of the market price of the house in its true condition. Compensation for the cost of repairs could, said his Lordship, apply only where the surveyor had given a warranty that the condition of the house was correctly described in the report. And, in his view, the

surveyor's contract did not say that. But surely most house-buyers think that what they are getting is a warranty on a property for which no repairs are needed beyond those mentioned in the report?

Now that has been ruled not to be

survey report. His Lordship also observed that the ordinary surveyor's contract is not one in which the subject matter is to provide peace of mind or freedom from distress. That is why the award for distress and inconvenience would be cut.

But if you hire a surveyor, do you not do so for peace of mind and in order to avoid distress and inconvenience? From now on, homebuyers should insist that their contract with a surveyor provides just that.

This is not the first time that the courts have adopted a commercial approach to what is really a human situation. A company that pays too high a price for property bought as an investment ought perhaps only to receive the difference in values — after all, a company is in it only for the money. Real people, however, buy houses to live in.

If you find there is something wrong with the home you have bought on the strength of a surveyor's report, the least you should be able to get is reimbursement for the cost of putting it into the condition which. thanks to the surveyor, you thought it

Anything short of that is a grave

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hatever one may feel about the morality of tobacco advertisements, they are generally seen as a lively presence on the British advertising scene. So when the final Hamlet cigars advertisement was transmitted on television last year, it was accompanied by the kind of eulogies usually reserved for racehorses and redundant soap

Hamlet fell victim to the European Commission, and over the next year we can expect to see increasing reference to European

standards in advertising.

For example, there is concern over the wide-ranging attitudes towards comparative advertising. Different approaches mean that there are marked differences between

the laws of the various member states.

Comparative advertising may be permitted in one country but prohibited in its neighbour. With the growth of satellite advertising, this poses particular problems. An advertiser may be restricted in his use of comparative advertising by his

own government while his competitor from across the border may be free to bombard the same potential customers with comparative advertising via the dishes on their roofs. Advertisers themselves are getting fed up with such variation, particularly because they are increasingly interested in the idea of Europe-wide advertising

campaigns. However, ferences in regulations mean that an ad originated in London or New York, for

example, has to be Profitable puffs: British tobacco ad checked for its legality in each country where use is planned. That is good news for lawyers such as Nabarro Nathanson, Macfarlanes, and The Simkins Partnership, which have developed a formidable reputation in the UK advertising market. Some of these firms are now using their expertise and contacts in Europe to

One such firm is Lewis Silkin, which long ago left behind its left-wing high street practice and adopted instead the manners and appearance of an advertising agency to sell its services to leading advertising agencies such as Gold Greeniees Trott and RBDO.

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Although the likelihood is that in due course there will be convergence of advertising law in the EC, the various approaches to advertising still reflect wide differences in

These differences are unlikely to be reconciled within the next few months. For example, the use of lotteries and prize competitions as part of an advertising

campaign is a typically complex issue faced by the lawyers. In Britain, the standard expression "no purchase required" regularly accompanies prize draws, whereas in other EC countries

no such disclaimer is required.

When things get really complicated, lawyers such as Steve

Groom, at Lewis Silkin, find themselves involved in drafting, or at least in re-writing, advertising copy, to make sure it fits the rules. Car advertisements can prove particularly tricky. Mr Groom says: "I've had directors phoning me from film last-minute script

changes."
Regulating adver-tising has also highlighted the different views about state intervention from country to country. Some countries love it, others abhor it.

Consequently there is diversity. Member states are permitted to delegate control to self-regulatory bodies, such as the Advertising Standards Authority in Britain, although under the EC directive. anybody with a legitimate interest has the right to take legal proceedings (through their courts rather than the regulatory body) to prevent publication of misleading advertis-

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casess, the chance to develop his own area of practice, and the challenge of attracting new clients. His success in achieving high hillings was reflected immediately in his earnings, and partnership status would eventually give him a higher level of remmeration than he was case-likely to set in industries. he was ever likely to get in industry.
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Home owner's unpaid debt not transmissible with property perty Manin Equitable September 6, 1988, of Sheriff Iackay of Incellor, Lord ord Ackner, Idichente and Inchart was arrears of common charges in relation to a flatted ManInchart was affirmed. The sheriff had granted decree and was thus in the effecting of any reconstruction, alteration or improvement incharges in relation to a flatted ManInchart was affirmed. The sheriff had granted decree on him by the standard conditions in security. On October 18, 1988, Woodwich entered into possession of the flat. At that date Mr Kearins was in Therefore. Therefore, Inchart was affirmed. The sheriff had granted decree on him by the standard conditions in security. On October 18, 1988, Woodwich entered into possession of the flat. At that date Mr Kearins was in Therefore. Therefore.

Lord Lowry

Speeches January 23]
An obligation to maintain the subjects of a grant imposed as a condition of the title would be enforceable against singular suc-cessors. That obligation would carry with it the obligation to pay

But when such an obligation to pay arose it would be a debt due by the owner who was so at the time the work was carried out The unpaid debt of that owner would not be transmissible.

dismissing an appeal by the pur-suer. David Wasson Property Management, from an interlocutor of the First Division of the Court of Session (the Lord President (Lord Hope), Lord Allanbridge and Lord Cowie) dated April 19, 1990, allowing an appeal by the defenders, Woolwich Equitable Building Society, against an interlocutor dated December 19, 1988, of the Sheriff-Principal of Glasgow and Strathkelvin, Norman McLeod;

David Watson Property Management v Woolwich Equitable
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Before Lord Mackay of
Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, Lord
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whereby an interlocator, dated instalments towards repayment of the loan and was thus in default of the obligations imposed on him by the standard conditions in security. On October 18, 1988, Woolwich entered into possion of the flat. David watson of LITE of white interest, as arrears of common charges in relation to a flatted dwelling house at Langlands Road; Glasgow.

Mr A. C. M. Johnston, QC, Mr A. M. Philip, QC and Mr J. G. Thomson for David Warson; Mr G. N. H. Emslie, QC and Mr H. W. Currie for Woolwich.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR said that David Warson carried on business as property managers on ousiness as properly managers and factors and were the factors of a tenement of dwelling houses at Langlands Road, Glasgow. In June 1986 Woolwich grant-ed a loan to enable a David Kearins to purchase one of the last in the tenement. The loan

was to be secured by means of a standard security under the Con-veyancing and Feudal Reform (Scotland) Act 1970. Mr Kearins title, as proprient of the flat was duly registered in the Land Regis-ter together with he standard security in favour of Woolwich:

arrears of his share of common charges payable to David Watson as factors of the tenement. Those were charges in respect of feuduly, common maintenance ac-counts, insurance premiums and David Watson's management charges all of which fell due for payment before the date when Woolwich entered into possession.

possession.

Woolwich had paid off the arrears of feu-duty but there re-

artears of feu-duty but there remained outstanding the balance of the sum which amounted to £179.07. Although the sum in issue was a small one, the question which was raised was of general importance.

David Watson's demand for payment was made under section 20(5) of the 1970 Act, which provided: "There shall be deemed to be assigned to a creditor who is in lawful possession of the security subjects all rights and obligations of the proprietor relating to . . (b) the management and maintenance of the subjects and

the proprietor relating to the management and maintenance of the subjects. In terms of section 20(5)(b) it had to be deemed to have been assigned to Woolwich when they entered into posses sion. They were successful in that argument before the sheriff and the sheriff-principal.

Mr Johnston pointed out that

the standard security brought into the law of Scotland by the 1970 Act was described therein 1970 Act was described therein as "a new form of heritable security" and that accordingly the pre-existing law relating to heritable securities in Scotland was of no importance. The issue fell to be determined by applying the provisions of the Act itself describing the meaning and effect of the new form of heritable security.

Mr Emslie, on the other hand, cointed out that the new heritable

pointed out that the new heritable security was brought by the Act into an existing structure and that, for example, section 9(5) may be used" for any other

was of continuing importance in considering the meaning and effect of the new security.
In his Lordship's opinion the most direct approach to the ques-tion posed in the appeal was by consideration of the terms of section 20(5).

The deemed assignation to a

creditor in lawful possession of the security subjects provided by the subsection was to such a creditor "who is in lawful possession of the security subjects.

That imported reference to a period of time, namely the period of time for which the creditor was in lawful possession of the security subjects. The provision was not effective until that period

when that period ended.
When the section spoke of "all rights and obligations of the proprietor" it necessarily referred to those rights and obligations subsisting during the period for which the creditor was in lawful possession of the security subjects.

creditor had ended.

The question raised in the

instant case, therefore, was deter-mined by considering whether the debt in question subsisted at the date on which Woolwich came into lawful possession of the security subject as an obligation of the proprietor enforceable against the proprietor as such thereafter. The whole debt fell

If that obligation incurred by Mr Kearin was personal to him in the sense that if he sold the property he would have the obligation to pay the debt and the purchaser from him would not have the obligation to do so, it was clear that that obligation could not be an obligation on the proprietor subsisting when Wool-wich took lawful possession of the

tion to pay the debt in question in the present case transmitted to a

Mr Johnston sought to apply those authorities to the present case by suggesting that there was here a basic obligation of maintenance and that the obligation to pay arose out of it and, therefore. when the obligation to pay was unperformed, it transmitted to a successor in title of the person who originally had failed to pay.

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In response, Mr Emslie referred to Magistrates of Edinburgh v Begg ((1883) 11 R
352), Aiton v Russell's Executors ((1889) 16 R 625) and
Marshall v Callander and
Trossachs Hydropathic Co
Ltd ((1895) 22 R 954).

The originals applicabled by The principle established by those authorities was that an obligation, for example, to maintain the subjects of the grant imposed as a condition of the title would be enforceable against sigular successors. The practical

subjects.
The argument that the obligacarrying out of the obligation might involve payment of sums of money which could only be ascer-tained by reference to the nature

is became necessary. The obliga-tion to maintain would carry will it the obligation to pay for that work but when the obligation to pay a particular sum thus arose that would be a debt due by the owner who was so at the time the

work was carried out. Therefore, where an obligation to repair had been carried out and a debt was due in consequence by the owner who had by carrying out the work performed that obligation to repair, the obligation to pay the unpaid debt of that owner would not be

ransmissible.

Accordingly, the obligation to pay the debt in question which was incurred by Mr Kearins during his period as owner would not transmit to a successor in title to his flat. Thus there could be no grounds for holding that that debt was an outstanding obligation of the proprietor as such of the flat at the time Woolwich entered into possession

Lord Keith, Lord Ackner, Lord Jauncey and Lord Lowry agreed. Solicitors: Sinclair Roche & Temperley for Bishop & Robertson Chalmers, Edinburgh: Church Adams Taiham & Co for Dundas & Wilson CS, Edin-burgh, for Brechin Robb.

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Hamilton v Fife Health Board Before Lord Prosser

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Judgment November 21 Where a child died in consequence of injuries sustained when he was a foctus as a result of the fault of another person, he was not a "person dying in conse-quence of personal injuries su-tained by him", because at the time when the injuries were sus-tained, he was not a person, and accordingly a delinquent party was not obliged by the Damages (Scotland) Act 1976 to make reparation to his parents for the loss of his society.

Lord Prosser so held in the Outer House of the Court of Session, dismissing for want of relevancy eventuents in support of a conclusion for damages for the loss of the society of her son in an Mrs Audrey Jean Hamilton against Fife Health Board, and

sale of a residential property. a. lease having less than 50 years to

had an option to extend the term

under the provisions of the Law Reform Act 1967.

Accordingly, the provisions of Schedule 3 to the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 (Leases of land as

wasting assets: curved line restric-tion of allowable expenditure) was

to be applied in calculating the

amount of the chargeabake gain. Mr Justice Mummery so held

in the Chancery Division when

dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by the taxpayer, Mr.

Nicholas Lewis, from a determination of Sidmouth general

commissioners upholding in prin-

ciple an assessment to the tax for 1987-88 made on him as an

executor of the estate of his

Mr Lewis in person; Mr Roger Ter Haar for the Crown.

said that in 1987 the taxpayer and his co-executor sold the 16-

year lease of a property in Exmouth that had belonged to

their father up to the time of his

MR JUSTICE MUMMERY

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another person, being an act or omission giving rise to a liability to pay damages to the injured person or his executor, then the person liable to pay those person or his executor, then the person liable to pay those damages shall also be liable m pay damages . . to any relative of the deceased

(4) If the relative is a member of the deceased's immediate family there shall be awarded such sum of damages, if any, as the count thinks just by way of compensation for the loss of such non-patrimonial benefit as the relative might have been expected to derive from the deceased's society and guidence.

Mrs Anne Smith for Mrs Hamilton: Mr Arthur Hamilton, QC and Mr Laurence Murphy for the defenders.

LORD PROSSER said that the pursuer had given birth to a haby boy who had shown symp-toms of asphyxia at birth. Three days later he had died. quoda ultra allowing a preliminary proof before answer.

Section 1 of the 1976 Act provides: "(1) Where a person dies in consequence of personal injuries sustained by him as a

Taxes)

The question was whether, as the Crown contended, the lease term that "the extension of the was a "wasting asset" within the lease beyond a given date by meaning of the 1979 Act and in notice given by the tenant" be particular for the purposes of computing capital gains tax liability on the sele of a residential property.

Section 37(1) of the Act defined

"wasting asset" as "an asset with a predictable life not exceeding fifty years". Paragraph 8 of Schedule

3 to the Act contained provisions

The taxpayer argued that because of the provisions in paragraph 8(5) and (6) the lease was not a wasting asset. The effect, he

said, of paragraph 8(5) was that in order to decide what was the

duration of the lease it was necessary to refer to the facts

which were known or ascertain-

able when the lease was acquired

by the executors in 1985; as at that date there could have been an

extension of the lease because the

Leasehold Reform Act 1967 gave

to a tenant the right to extend his

The overall result was, the

taxpayer argued, that the dura-tion of the lease for tax purposes at

the date of disposal was not 16

That argument was not in

accordance with the starutory provisions. Paragraph 8(5) did not apply to the facts. That

lease for a further 50 years.

years but 66 years.

to ascertain the duration of a lease

ried out by doctors at the defend-ers' hospital. It was agreed that the allegedly negligent acts occ-urred at a time prior to birth. The question was whether a loss of society award was available to parents if their child died in

consequence of injuries sustained by him as a result of an act or omission occurring prior to his death. It was accepted by the pursuer that at any given moment of time a child must be either born or not born, living or not living, and that prior to being born, a child was

not a "person". Scots law had long adopted the fiction of the civil law that in all matters affecting his interests, he unborn child in utero should be deemed to be already born (Elliot v Joicey (1935 SC (HL)

However, the defenders sub-mitted that while the child might have invoked the fiction so as to have himself deemed to be already born at times prior to his birth, that fiction could not be invoked in the interests of third

Even if the statutory right was

to be regarded as a term of the lease, it did not consitute a

provision "for the extension of the

case beyond a given date" within

meaning of paragraph 8(5).

For the purposes of the present case, the child was neither actually nor deemed to be a person at a time when the injury was sustained. He was of course a person at the time of his death, but his death could not be said to be "in consequence of personal inju-ries". "Personal injuries" means injuries to a person. The child had quite simply lacked the status

of being a person when the injuries were sustained. The pursuer submitted that the child's injuries might initially have come into existence in the foetus before birth. Even considering them at that stage, it was submitted that they could natu rally be described as personal injuries sustained by the child which that foctus became upon birth. But in any event the inju-ries were present in that child after its birth, and were impairments of that child's condition

The child's subsequent deterioration in condition was plainly sustained by a person, but was the result of an act or omission at the

injuries" had to relate to a "person" gave the adjective "person-al" a full conditional force which it would not naturally bear: one could quite sensibly describe such ante-natal injuries as "personal", without asserting that the foetus was a person.

But in any event one could look to the impairments at the post-natal stage, and if those were causally linked to an act or omission at the ante-natal stage, they would correctly be described as personal injuries sustained by the child "as a result of" that act or

The pursuers further submitted that if a child was born damaged, as a result of acts before it was born, the damage had sensibly to be seen as "personal injuries" from the moment of its birth. Any other view would produce quite irrational distinctions: a disease which only emerged after its birth would presumably give rise to a claim, although caused perhaps by an injection before birth, as would any grave condition which emerged after a child had been born in a less grave state. Parliament could not have intended such complicated and unjust distinctions. If there was the requisite causal connection be rween the ante-natal act and injuries which resulted in death.

the requirements of the section

The defenders responded that in law a foctus was no more a person at the late stage before birth than at any other stage from conception onwards. The expres-"personal injuries" plainly unsuitable in relation to damage done to a foctus during the early stages of pregnancy and if the expression could not be used in relation to that stage, it could not be used in relation to

any stage prior to birth. His Lordship was satisfied that the words used in the section did not cover the situation where injury was sustained by a foerus

rather than a person. Moreover, if imuries had been sustained by a foetus, and if, for the moment, one treated the "sustaining" of injury as an event rather than a continuing state.

then the defenders were correct in submitting that the event of birth ing" of injury by the child.

For the purposes of section 1(1), personal injuries had to be seen as sustained at the time

when they first came into existence, if that time was before birth, and if his Lordship was right that only injuries sustained a person were within the scope of the section, then the pursuer's claim would fail. The niceties of fact or law which were created by having to

identify the point of time at which injuries were sustained were no doubt unfortunate. The pursuer had advanced an alternative contention that the section might be seen to be ambiguous and that its ambiguity might be resolved by considerations of unfairness, or of the mischief which the Act had sought to cure. But difficulty did not necessar-

ily imply ambiguity and the sec-tion was unambiguous. It was those considerations. His Lordship would, however,

say that he saw no clear unfairness. If one fixed one's attention upon the original "negligent" act.
it might seem unfair to distinguish, as the section evidently did, between cases where stillbrith

If one concentrated upon the tions based upon the first time seem unfair. His Lordship was not persuaded that questions of fairness would here assist in interpretation.

persuaded that the Act had any purpose of curing a mischief in a) issues as to whether duties might be owed to the unborn, or whether culpable homicide might be commined by acts affecting a subsequently died, did not appear to be helpful in interpreting express provisions which were not expressions of general principle.

Law agents: Balfour & Man-son, Nightingale & Bell; Mr Rod-

Court of Appeal

Chancery Division

Law Report January 28 1992

Plaintiff must Aggravating damages Lease a wasting asset

[Judgment-January 16]

the meaning of paragraph 8(5) of the 1979 Act. Where after the plaintiff had been Sections 14 and 15 of the 1967 Act made it clear that what the landlord was thereby bound to grant was "a new tenancy" of the premises expiring 50 years after the existing tenancy. That new tenancy would not be an "extenobtain dismissal of the action. sion of the lease within the

Last, on the facts of the case, the term of the lease acquired by the taxpayer and his co-executor could not be extended by them. Their father had not during his life given notice to the landlord of desire for an extended lease. a degree for an extended lease. Neither could the taxpayer claim the right to an extension: such a right was only available by virtue of section 7 of the 1967 Act where

nber of his family was resident in the house. Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland

show aim of defendant

Before Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson

guilty of unreasonable delay, the defendant so conducted himself as to induce the plaintiff to incur further costs in the reasonable belief that, notwithstanding the delay, the defendant intended to exercise the right to proceed to trial, the defendant could not then

It was, however, for the plaintiff to show that the defendant's conduct fell within that rule and if that could not be shown the defendant ought not to be pre-chided from applying for the dismissal of the plaintiff's claim for want of prosecution.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by William Alexander Armstrong against the dismissal by Mr on the death of the tenant a Justice Macpherson on October 2, 1990 of his appeal from the order of Master Warren made on July 9, 1990 to allow the application by Glofield Properties Ltd sonal injury claim against them for want of prosecution.

Mr Lawrence Caun for Mr Armstrong: Mr Stephen Archer for Glofield Properties.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH surprise of Lord Justice Russell in ([1991] 1 WLR 675) at the Court of Appeal decision in County & District Properties Ltd v Lyell (1991) 1 WLR 683) that conduct by the defendant inducing a belief that the action would be allowed to continue without objection, upon which a plaintiff acted to his detriment by the expenditure of money, was a case of estopped which precluded the defendant from applying to dismiss the

action for want of prosecution.

The grounds of decision in Lyell had to be loyally followed but for the defendant's conduct to fall within its rule, the plaintiff had to establish that such conduct did so

Lord Justice Balcombe agreed. Solicitors: Ronald Fletcher Baker & Co. Stoke Newington: L. Watmore & Co.

Judgment November 271

A chief constable's conduct in persisting denial of liability in defence of a civil action brought against him, notwithstanding the comments which had been made by a recorder in prosecution proceedings against the plaintiff as to conflicting police witness evidence that could not be relied upon, was arguably capable of aggravating the plaintiffs dam-ages, should she have made out her case and could even be relevant to her claim for exem-

The Court of Appeal so held when refusing leave to appeal by the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police against the decision of Mr Justice Hodgson on November 25, 1991 that the issues of liability and damages in the claim brought by Elizabeth Jane Marks should be tried together. An order was made preventing publication of this

report until after the trial. Mr Eric Shannon for the chief constable; Mr Benedict Emmerson for Miss Marks.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that Miss Marks had been

Marks v Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police
Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Leggart and Sir George Waller
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Manchester, who, in the course of Manchester Manchester No. giving his judgment, had com-

mented that police witness evi-dence was contradictory and could not be relied upon.

In the civil proceedings brought by Miss Marks against the chief constable. Mr Justice Hodgson had concluded that a clear line of demarcation between the issues of liability and quantum could not be drawn and that the correct course of action was to try both issues at the same time.

An order to separate trials of the issues of liability and damages, by way of exception to the general rule, was only to be made in exceptional cases.

Although it was only an application for leave to appeal, the Court of Appeal, in entertaining full argument from counsel, had to accept responsibility for taking counsel back to what seemed to be the basic issue in the case, namely. whether reference to the record in relation to the issue of damages

in the trial before the jury. it was well arguable that the chief constable's conduct in persisting in the defence of the action, notwithstanding the recorder's comments, was ca-

pable of aggravating Miss Marks'

would call, as Mr Justice Hodg-son had appreciated in the ruling that he gave, for a clear direction by him distinguishing between the issues of liabilty and damages.

As to cross-examination of the police witnesses, there could be some technical difficulties in for mulating questions in a way that was not unfair to witnesses whom such questions were asked the appeal to the crown court they could not go so far as to imput dishonesty to the police officers, but such cross-examination about the recorder's remarks could be

relevant to credit. It was, however, not for the Court of Appeal to rule on such matters which were best left to the discretion of the very experienced judge who would have the con-

duct of the trial. There was no basis for concluding that there should be separate quantum and the exercise of discretion by Mr Justice Hodgson was not merely unexceptionable but was plainly correct.

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Farming studies prepare you for a marketing, land management and surveying, and varied career, Derek Morgan says

company, an animal feeds a big accountancy firm.

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pean Community country. they may qualify for an Erasmus sponsorship (the European Community Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students). Two such students are Andrew Smith, who researched

micro-propagation tech-niques in horticulture at the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University in Copenhagen, and James Green, who visited Göttingen Univ-

ticultural industry or as a buyer, a career he believes presents opportunities for international travel. Mr Green is interested in an accountancy career so that he can combine his practical and scientific farming knowledge with financial expertise. Harper Adams runs residential courses in agriculture,

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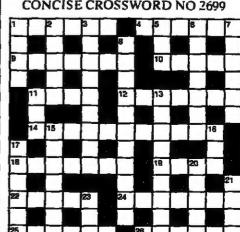
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4.00 Catchword. Word game hosted by Paul Cois (s) (596)
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expectations throughout the world (481312)
8.30 Food And Drink, includes an oriental recipe for chicken with lime and ginger and a report from Antônio Carluccio as he concludes his gastronomic tour by helping a Czech temily prepare a

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cocaine and Abi feels angry at being abandoned. As a piece of intimate television, getting the camera to the heart of emotions, Amy Hardie's film works splendidly. The relationship is volatile. Chartotte is shocked by Abi's biker lifestyle. Abi still loves her mother and is bitter that the love is not returned. The women

spend much of their time shouting at each other, like characters in

EastEnders. We can feel sympathy for Abi, less perhaps for the mother. Abi says it was greed not money that made Charlotte deal

in drugs. But the matter is never explained. There are other gaps. Who and where is Abi's father? A glancing reference to a house in

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5.00 Newsround (1364866) 5.10 Grange Hill. School drame (Ceetax)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceetax) (s) (910596). Northern Ireland: Inside

5.00 Stx O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford (Ceefax). Weather (913) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (683). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Holiday, Includes reports on a coach trip through Eastern Europe and how beet to explore the Scottish Highlands (Ceefax) (s) (3041)

7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (867)
8.00 The Fall And Rise Of Reginald Perrin. Reggie's community proves a precarious success (r) (Ceefax) (9461)
8.30 A Question Of Sport. Quiz (Ceefax) (9465)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax). Regional news

and weather (8190) 9.30 Spender, Jimmy Nail's unkempt cop responds to his Aunt Mabel's plea to find his missing cousin (Ceefax) (s) (251515). Wates: Week in Week Out 10.00 Spender



Mourning her husband's death: Ida McKinney (10.25pm)

10.25 Inside Story Special. ● CHOICE: This is the second television revaluation in just over a month of the events of January 30 1972 when 13 Roman Catholics were shot dead by British soldiers during a civil rights march in Londonderry. The first was in Channel 4's Secret History series, in which members of the Paratroop Regiment gave their side of the story through the mouths of actors. Here the paratroopers appear in person, and so does their commanding officer, Lt-Col Derek Wilford. The upshot is much the same. The troops maintain they were attacked first and were defending themselves against gunmen and nall bombers. The people of Londonderry continue to claim it was a massacre of innocents. None of the dead men was armed and five were shot in the back Like Lord Widgery, who conducted the official enquiry which exonerated the troops, the viewer has to mediate between totally conflicting evidence.

(929664) Wales: 10.55-11.45 inside Story Special 11.15 Film 92 with Berry Norman. Includes a review of Bisck Robe. Bruce Beresford's film about a missionary in Quebec (s) (389751) 11.45 Weather (217596). Ends at 11.50 2.00am The Way Ahead (8642417). Ends at 2.15

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8.55mm Weather: News Headlines 7,00 Morning Concert: Handel (Incidental Music, The Alchymist): Salie (Avant-dermères pensées); Delius (A Song before Sunnse)

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Elgier
(Severn Suite): Villa-Lobos
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8.35 Composers of the Week: Holat
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Bennett, flute, Peter Graeme,
oboe): Wind Cuintet in A flat
(Vega Wind Cuintet):
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Invocation (Philhermonia under Handley, with Julian Lloyd Webber, cello); Hymn of Jesus

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Danzas fentésticas LPO

under Bétiz), Falls (Jota, Siete Canciones Populares

Españolas: Teresa Bergan≥a, mezzo, Juan Antonio Alvarez-

Parejo, piano), Mompou (Cançon i dansa No 14. Alicus

de Larrocha, pieno); Falla (Three Dances, The Three Cornered Hat: Montreel SO

under Charles Dutoit); Granados (The Maiden and the Nightingale, Goyescas; A de Larrocha); Falla (El pano moruno, Sieta Canciones.

Antonio Alvarez Pareio): Falla

(Herpsichord Concerto: lan Brown Nash Ensemble).

Albeniz (El Albaicin, Ibena Philharmorus under Yan Pascal Tortelier); Mompou (Cançon i dansa No 1: A. de Larrocha); Falle (Polo, Sieta

Canciones): Ravel (Alborado

Gel Gracioso: Cleveland
Orchestra under Boulez)
11.10 Snapshots of Madrid
11.25 BBC Welsh SO under Tedaeki
Otaka; BBC Welsh Chorus
under John Hugh Thomas
perform Dvoråk (Symphony No
9 in E minor, Op 95. From the
New World); Janaček
(Glarofitz, Marac)

1.05 Havdn and Sibelius: Kreutzer

Haydn and Governme Haydn
Quartet performs Haydn
(Quartet in D, Op 64 No 5. The
Lark); Sibelius (Quartet in D
minor, Op 56. Voces intimae)
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Bach (Sonats No 1 in G minor, BWV 1001)

rectard evalue persons Garne (Marche Lorrane); Dvorek, ar Brand (Overture, Carnivel); Bourgeois (Euphonium Concerto: Wendy Picton); Sparke (Mountain Song); Gilbert Vinter (Spectrum)

Iransc Blusoru (Chaconne in Dimonor), Schumann (Eludes symphoriques), 8.10 A Sinci Sponlaneity. David Farming investigates Cherkassky's ent. 8.30 Chopin (Balade No 4 in Fiminor, Op 52: Nocturne in Fiminor, Op 55 No 1, Scherzo No 4 in E, Op 54); Nes (Threepage Sonata); Pabat (Concert Paraphrase on Tcheikovalky's Eugene Oneoin, Op 81)

Eugene Onegin, Op 81)
9,30 Drame Now: The Temptation

of Dr William Fosters

CHOICE: In Elaine

Feinstein's Faustian morality

ageing process, is subject to the pressure of market

economics. Feinstein's Faust (Edward Petherbridge) is a

(Edward Petneronoge) is a molecular biologist who is in all kinds of ruts. Helping him out of them is Paul Jones's Lucifer, a devit true to type

because he is given the best tunes; in fact, the only tunes (music by John Harle). There

is a strongly feminist ring about Femstern's device for gelting her Faust off the hook

10.25 (Sster Contestos under John

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(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, Incl 6.30 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 8.40 Yesther 7.25, 8.25 Sport 8.45 Weather 8.58 Weather 8.58 Weather 8.58 Weather 8.58 Weather 9.55 Sport 8.45 Spor

9,00 News 9,05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4411,

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10.00-10.30am A Hack Goes West
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inony, but this time with two

horses, he sets off in John Wayne's footsteps down the

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though 2,000 long miles stretch ahead of him, and us, for the next nine Tuesdays

10.00 News; Daily Service (L.W only) 10.15 The Bible (L.W only): Psalms 96-107 Read by Hannah

10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray

Way, incl 11.00 News

11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff

12.00 News; You and Yours, with

12.25pm Screenplay lain Johnstone hosts the celebrity movie quiz (a) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News. Thirty-Minute Theatre: Out of School, by Chana.

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Griffiths. The terrision and
prejudice symmetring in a
school is brought to the boil
by the arrival of a new boy (s)
2.30 Richard Baker Compares
Allers with advancements

Pay (s) 3.00 Vaughanssaga (FM only). The Steep Side of the Snowdott.

Vaughan Purvis's voyage of

Notes with clarinettists Michael Collins and Anthony

Watts.

John Howard

meets the windsurfer Penny

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Starts: 12.30pm Rudharo at Retrospect (3377946) 1.00 News (1580657) 1.30 Austel Financial Pages (84654916) 1.40 Crewshew Paints: Oils (89354409) 2.05 Lou Grant

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3.47-4.00 Seven about Seven (FM 3.47-4.00 Seven about seven (remonly): Libby Purves explores the number seven (s) (7) 3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)

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4.05 News
4.05 Kalaidoscope talks to Emily
Prager about her novel Eve's
Tallox; enters the dream
world of Jane Gifford through
her exhibition of paintings in
Manchester; reports on Leap
'92, Messeyside's dance
festivat and reviews Lachten restrated to the services Lachien MacKimnon's brography of Yhe Lives of Else Tholet (s).

4.45 Short Story: Force, by Simon Komer, Read by Roger Allam 5.00 PM 5.50 Shapping Forecast 5.55 Weather

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reports on the experiences of students on a science summar stooms of a scenar sunared camp in locand (r)

8.30 Never the Same Again: The story of a couple who lost their home after the failure of their small business, a cross made even worse for the wife by the product of their small.

7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)

8.00 Science Now, Alun Lev

by her husband's failure to warn her of the building society's impending representation (s) (r)
9.00 in Touch: Pater White presents

the magazine for the visually handicapped 6.30 Keleidoscope (et (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Castidy(e) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight with Nigel Castidy(e) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight with 10.00 The World Tonight, with

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11.00 And Now, in Colour
Astronaul Training, Fourth of a six-part comedy senes with Tim Firth. Tim de Jongh. Michael Rutger and William Vandyck (s) (t)

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12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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ITV

6.00 TV-am (6270954) 9.25 Keynotes, Music quiz game hosted by Alistair Divell (6047848)

9.55 Regional News (6612374) 10.00 The Time... The Place... Topical discussion series, presented by John Stspleton (5768138)

10.40 This Morning, Family magazine series. Today's edition includes legal and financial advice and Kevin Woodford's demonstration of

how students can create cheap and delicious meals (3843393) 12.10 Treasure Box. Early learning series (9238190) 12.30 Nows with John Suchet (Oracle) Weather (5803206)

1.10 Regional News (39440206)
1.20 Home And Away, Australian family chame serial (Chacle) (61885119) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical chame serial set in

an Australian outback town (s) (60845393) 2.20 Vive La Différence. Series in which people trade places for a day with their European counterparts. Today Tricia Leid from Liverpool

letives behind her young son and baby daughter and travels to Dublin to sample the lifestyle of Bionaid O'Connor (76630585) 2.50 Families. Dians and Anton return from their honeymoon (s) (5503139) 3.15 ITN News headlines (4475428) 3.20 Themes News headlines

4465041) , 3.25 The Young Doctors. Medical serial from Australia. Mike and Metanie proceed with their wedding plans despite Metanie's disease (6724480)

3.55 Josle Smith. Children's drama (8064190) 4.05 Disney's Duck 3.55 Josle Smith. Children's drama (8064190) 4.05 Disney's Duck Tales. Cartoon (4430022) 4.30 Cartoon with Daffy Duck (f) (3527913) 4.40 Press Gang. A kind of junior Lou Grant, this superior children's series continues to entertain. Today Colin completes a big business deal (s) (Oracle) (5292225) 5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz (6340954) 5.40 News with Fions Armstrong (Oracle) Weather (165119) 5.55 Thames Help with Jackle Spreckley (r) (497596) 6.00 Home And Awey (r) (Oracle) (799) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (Oracle) (751) 7.00 Emmerdale. Farming sosp. An anniversary party is afoot. With Clive Homby, Madeleins Howard (Oracle) (5409) 7.30 in Time Of War. First in a series of six documentaries about the Falklands wer. The people of Stanley recall the frightening 74 days

Falklands war. The people of Stanley recall the frightening 74 days in which the island's only town was occupied by the Argentinians (Oracle) (935) 8.00 The Bill. Joyriders are responsible for a hit-end-run incident in today's episode of the quality police drams (Oracle) (4157) 8.30 The Upper Hand. Limp cornedy series about a male houseke

and his female boss. With Joe McGann, Diana Waston and Honor Blackman. Caroline asks Charlie's advice after her account



Shaken not stirred: barman Tom Cruise mixes it (9.00pm)

9.06 Film: Cocktall (1968) Ever the method actor, Tom Cruise diligently learned to shake it all about for his role as the best bartender in town in this romantic drama about the perils of succumbing to a Itestyle of easy money. With Bryan Brown and Elisabeth Shue.
Roger Donaldson directed. This is the film's first showing on network television (Oracle) (2409)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Alastas Stewart (Cracle) Weather (13799) 10.30 Regional News and weather (850557)

10.40 Film: Cockdail contd. (Oracle) (289633)

11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Behind bars drama (590596) 12.30cm Video View. Flound-up of the latest releases, inluding Theirm

Louise (38639)

1.30 Shady Tales. Another short story starring Adam Faith. Shady gats on the trail of the phantom footbeffer (r) (1589207)

1.40 The Equalizer with Edward Woodward. Control is accused of treason (1228146)

2.30 Donahue, Phil Donahue meets divorced couples who have

to love each other again (82287)
3.30 80 Minutes. American news magazine (81504)
4.30 Entertainment UK. The latest in films, music, thesive and dance

5.30 ITN Morning News (79252). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (6278596) 9.25 Schools (84534062)

12.00 Channel 4 Daily (62/8586) 9.25 Schools (84534162)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Presented by Nick Owen (95852)
12.30 Business Daily (22935)
1.00 Sessore Street Early learning series for the under-lives (10190)
2.00 First The Weaker Sex (1948, b/w) Nostalgic period piece about a middle-class English family during the latter years of the second world wer and in the immediate post-war period. With Ursula Jeans, Cecil Parker and Joan Hopkins, Directed by Roy-Baker (696003)

3.35 Notes on a Triangle. Canadian abstract enimation (6281480) 3.45 Third Wave with Mavis Nicholson, today tacking the issue of euthenseis with a look the situation in The Netherlands where it sople can choose to die (Teletext) (2640190)

titionin. Words and numbers game presented by Richard Whiteley (a) (848)
5.00 It's A Dog's Life. Includes a report on Roy Dyer, creator of the

sannual Brentwood Working Dogs Convention (r) (6515)

5.30 Dramanus: Snap Decision. A tennis player finds himself becoming strangely jealous of his brother in a wheelchair (Teletext)

6.00 My Two Dade. American comedy. Josy finds the girl of his dreams (1) (111)

ster. Video games series with guest, the dart player,

Eric Bristow (393)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow (Teletard) Weather (526954)
7.50 Comment (758799)

8 00 Class Action -● CHOICE: Promising a "hard-hitting investigative approach", Class Action is a new weekly series on issues in British education from the makers of Chennel 4's Hard News and Black Beg. Each programme will include three or four filmed reports and the series programme was include trace to the trace will also offer a forum for personal views. The first of these comes up tonight and is given by Baroness Warnock. In 1978 she chaired the enquiry into provision for children with special educational needs. Her report fed to the 1981 act. This was supposed to ensure that such children; estimated to be as many as one in live, ensure that such children; estimated to be as many as one in tive, got the appropriate help. Warnock now claims that the act is being widely flouted. She develops her argument through interviews with children; parants and teachers and fears that as schools are obliged to compete with each other "problem" children will be increasingly looked upon as a nuisance. (2799)

8.36 Nature Watch. A look at Moscow's equivalent to David Attenborough, Nikolai Drozdov (r) (Teletact) (1205).



9.00 Without Water Fin de sacie (3751)

© CHOICE: The novelist Saut Bellow hosts the first of a series of five egghead discussions on great issues facing the universe as if moves, towards the second millerium; Bellow is joined in a moves towards the second milenium. Bellow is inverse at a slyscraper apartment overlooking Chicago by the Peruvien writer Marlo Varges Lloss and the Irish man of mater parts, including columnist for this newspaper, Conor Cruise O Strien. Their topic is the United States and its ability to reconcile differing cultural identities. The discourse is erudite and sometimes illuminating but could do with a strong chairman to guide it, in the absence of such a figure, the programma's pittier utterances come trom a raft of "outside" contributors. These include Core Videl, always good for a clever quote, and the bleatrian Arthur Schleidinger & Who Upsets multicultural orthodoxy by promoting Europe as the unique source of democracy, human rights and the suis of law.

10.00 Filter Out On The Edge (1989). Superficial TV movie starring Ricky Schroder as a miscroleratood T7-year-old who is committed to a psychiatric hospital. Directed by Joha Pesquin (149577)

11.45 Empty Neet, Hany attempts to write a children's book in today's spisode of the American comedy series (s) (371732)

12.15em Retarn To The Dome. Highlights from last year's Friday at the Dome including The Farm, Living Colour, 28th Street Secophore Quertet, Aaron Neville and Dr John (s) (1710349): Ende at 1.90

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(84574) 16.30 The Young Doctors (36884)
11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (65190)
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Cernota (6857) 7.00 Love at Pinst Sight A gist falls in towe with a suspected mardener and his lewyer (54505).

8.15 Dr Souggles: Cartoon (635751).

10.15 Pharatom Lady (1944, b/w): A men is accused of mardening his wife (55515).

12.15pm Cassanova: Brown (1944, b/w): Teress Whight discrose Gary Cooper and discovers that who is pregnant (91655).

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6.15 The Kentucklen (1955): Burt Lancester stars as a rugged frontleraman (64200041).

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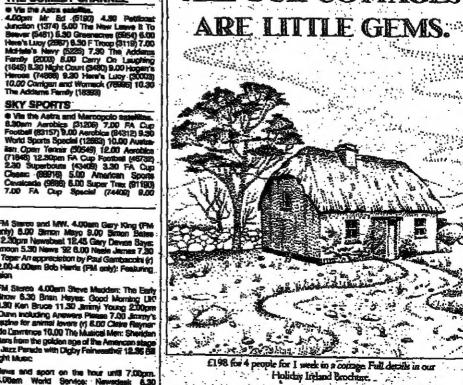
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